



The Greatest Gift #3 - Myrrh

Matthew 2:1-2; Matthew 2:9-11

4 Biblically Historical Uses of Myrrh:

1. **Beauty Treatment.** Esther 2:12
2. **Expensive Perfume.** Psalm 45; Proverbs 7; Song of Solomon 3
3. **Pain Killer.** Mark 15:23–24a
4. **Care for Dead Bodies.** John 19:38–40

Jesus Walkways from Myrrh:

1. **The substance of myrrh that is associated with Jesus' birth is also associated with His SACRIFICIAL death.** John 3:16–17; Luke 1:31–33; Luke 2:18–20; Luke 2:29–35
2. **Jesus is the only baby ever to be born with the purpose to DIE.**

Principle: Let us never see the CRIB without the Cross. Revelation 13:8; Matthew 2:10

When we TRULY Meet Jesus:

1. We **REJOICE**.
2. We **WORSHIP**. Matthew 2:11; Isaiah 53

Matthew 2:1-2 1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:9-11 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Esther 2:12 Before a young woman's turn came to go in to King Xerxes, she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments prescribed for the women, six months with oil of myrrh and six with perfumes and cosmetics. Ps. 45, Prov. 7, Song of Solomon 3

Mark 15:23–24a 23 Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him...

John 19:38–40 38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus ... he came and took the body away. 39 ...Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. 40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

John 3:16–17 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Luke 1:31–33 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Luke 2:18–20 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:29–35 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,... 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Revelation 13:8 ...the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. **Matthew 2:10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. (ESV)

Matthew 2:11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Isaiah 53 "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities . . . and by his stripes we are healed."