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Matthew 2



The Journey – 2 Years

Matthew 2:1-2,16,7

- 1) Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- 2) Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- 16) Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.
- 7) Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.



The Gifts

Matthew 2:11-12

- 11) And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12) And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.



The Gifts

- Gold
- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- King
- God
 - incense
- Mortal Man
 - embalming



The Gifts

- The Gift of God is Beautiful – Eccl 3:11-13
- Salvation Gift of God – John 4:10
- Marriage / Non-Marriage Gift of God – 1 Cor 7:7
- Diversity of Spiritual Gifts – 1 Cor 12:4
- The Best Gift is Love – 1 Cor 12:31
- Desire Spiritual Gifts – 1 Cor 14:1
- Edify the Church With Gifts – 1 Cor 14:12
- Unspeakable Gift of God – 2 Cor 9:15
- Salvation Gift of God – Ephesians 2:8
- Measure Gift of Christ – Ephesians 4:8



The Value of the Gift

Luke 21:1

- 1) And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.
- 2) And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.
- 3) And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:
- 4) For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.



The Value of the Gift

Philippians 4:15-17

15) Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16) For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17) Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.



The Thought Behind the Gift

James 1:17

17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.



The Thought Behind the Gift

John 3:16

16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



Do Not Neglect the Gift

1 Timothy 4:12-16

14) Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.



Stir Up the Gift

2 Timothy 1:6-7

6) Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.



God Gives Good Gifts

Matthew 7:11

11) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?



It is Better to Give Than Receive

Acts 20:35

35) I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.



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