

“What Can I Give Him?”

Based on Matthew 2:1-5, 9-11 (NIV)

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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 in the east and have come to worship him."

† **The reason the Magi come is to worship the Messiah.**

† **Worship is a meeting between God and God's people.**

Matthew 2:11a - On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

† **The gifts were symbols of Christ's identity and what he would accomplish.**

Matthew 2:11b - Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

† **Gold was a gift for a king.**

† **Worship Jesus as the king who rules my life.**

† **Incense is a glittering, aromatic gum from trees, and is the gift for a priest.**

† **The function of a priest is to open the way to God for people.**

† **Worship Jesus as my bridge-builder to God.**

† **Myrrh, a valued spice and perfume, is the gift for one who is to die.**

† **Myrrh was used to embalm the bodies of the dead.**

† **Worship Jesus as my Savior from sin and evil.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† Who do I give gifts to? Why?

† How do I decide what gift to give a person?

† Jesus is my king - How do I show it?

† Jesus is my bridge-builder to God - How have I gone over it to God?

† Jesus is my Savior - How do I live it?

† How can I give of my heart and life to Jesus this week?