

Gifts for a King

“After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:9-11

At the birth of a king it was common for important people to bring gifts to recognize the occasion. Obviously, the Magi thought that the natural place for a king to be born was in a palace. However, nothing about Jesus was ordinary. He was a King that was different from every other king.

Let's look at the attitude of the Magi and their gifts to determine what the thoughts they may have had about Jesus.

1. Position: prone before Jesus.
Psalm 72:10-11
2. Gold: a gift for a King.
1 Kings 10:2, 1 Samuel 10:27
3. Frankincense: a gift for Priest.
Exodus 30:8, Leviticus 16:12
4. Myrrh: a gift for a Savior.
John 19:39, Exodus 30:23, Psalm 45:8