



The Greatest Christmas Gift of All

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1. Our gift to God is a lifestyle of _____.

Romans 12:1 (NLT), "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT), "Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:9-11 (NLT), "After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

2. Gold was a gift for the _____.

Revelation 17:14 (NIV), "They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

Philippians 2:10-11 (NLT), "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

3. Frankincense was a gift for the _____.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV), "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Isaiah 60:6, "The nations will bring gold and frankincense and will come worshipping the Lord."

4. Myrrh was a gift for the _____.

John 19:38-40 (NLT), "Afterward, Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus, and Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night, brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth."

Acts 4:12 (NLT), "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV), "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift."

John 1:10-12 (NLT), "He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."
