

SIMPLE CHRISTMAS

“Simple Gifts: The Magi”

Matthew 2:1-12

THE MAGI: THE MEN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND!

- A. How many Magi/Wise Men are mentioned?
1. **NO NUMBER**
 2. The idea of three Wise Men is because of **THREE GIFTS**
 3. One Russian tradition has **FOUR**
- B. Are they Kings, Wisemen or Magi?
1. The Greek word Magos
 2. **TAKE YOUR PICK**
 3. In Acts 13:6 it is sorcerer/magician
- C. What were their names?
1. **NOT MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE**
 2. Tradition by the 6th Century: **CASPAR, BALTHASAR, MELCHIOR**
- D. Their Gifts and Possible Meanings
1. Gold representing a gift for **ROYALTY/KING**
 2. Frankincense representing **PRIESTLY WORSHIP**
 3. Myrrh representing **HUMANITY/ANOINTING**

SIMPLE CHRISTMAS: SIMPLE GIFTS FROM WISE MEN

1. Give **WORSHIP/ADORATION** to The King
“Where is the one Born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship him?” Matthew 2:2

“On coming into the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him” Matthew 2:11

Simple Christmas: **O COME LET US ADORE HIM**
2. Give **GIFTS WORTHY** of The King
“They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, and frankincense and of myrrh.”
Matthew 2:11

“I will not offer anything that cost me nothing” 2 Samuel 24:24

Simple Christmas: Right **ATTITUDE** not the **AMOUNT**

SIMPLE GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS

Simple Gift #1: Give Him your HEART

"They gave themselves first of all to the Lord" 2 Corinthians 8:5

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Matthew 6:21

"My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways." Proverbs 23:26

Simple Gift #2: Give Him your HEARTFELT WORSHIP

"Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness." 1 Chronicles 16:29

"Love the Lord your God with all your...." Matthew 22:37

Simple Gift #3: Consider giving Him these three gifts: TIME TALENT TREASURE

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." 1 Chronicles 29:14

Simple Gift #4: Give to HELP OTHERS

"...unto the least of these..." Matthew 25:40

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