

# BEHOLD THE GIFT OF HIS SACRIFICE

AMANDA BEGGS | BEHOLD THE GIFT WEEK 2

The best **gifts** communicate that we are **known, significant, loved**, and worth the **sacrifice**.

When it comes to the gift of Jesus, what is your response?

**Jesus is our treasure.** He satisfies every longing. He meets every need. He is better than we can even imagine.

## LUKE 2:19

- Like Mary, we are called to **treasure** and **ponder** the gift of Jesus.

## MATTHEW 2:9B-12

And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



The treasures given to Jesus **foreshadow** the treasure that Jesus is to us.

Frankincense: expensive, fragrant resin from the Boswellia tree

The **Gift of Frankincense** points to:

- Jesus is the **perfect fulfillment** of God's promises
  - Isaiah 60:6

- Jesus is **worthy of worship** because He is fully God and fully man.
  - Exodus 30:34-37
- Jesus is our **Great High Priest**.
  - Leviticus 2:1-2

Seeing Jesus as our **Great High Priest** changes how we **relate** to God.

Paradigm for relating to God:

- Sin **Separates**: Sin keeps us from a relationship with God.
- We need a **mediator** to plead our case before God.
- Forgiveness is **Costly**: A sacrifice was needed to atone for sin.
  - Hebrews 9:22

## HEBREWS 10:1-4

Even with the High Priest and the sacrificial system, the work was never done, there was a constant need for forgiveness of sins.

Two Realities:

1. Constant reminders of guilt
2. Restricted access to the presence of God

Treasure of Jesus

1. The gift of **complete, eternal forgiveness**
  - Because of our sin, we owe a debt **we could never pay ourselves**.
    - Hebrews 10:11-14
  - Today, Jesus is seated at the right hand of God: **The work is finished** and we are perfected for all time by His single sacrifice.
    - Hebrews 7:24-25
  - **Uttermost**: comprehensive, complete, exhaustive wholeness
2. The gift of **unhindered access** and **unending Grace**
  - We can come to Jesus knowing He fully understands our weaknesses, and that He has triumphed over them and can save us from them.
    - Hebrews 4:14-16

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