

BEHOLD THE GIFT OF HIS HUMANITY

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MATTHEW 2:1-11

Myrrh

- Aromatic resin from thorny morah tree
- Appears nearly 20 times in the Bible.
- **Three primary uses:**
 1. Beauty treatment or perfume
 2. Painkiller
 3. Most commonly used to prepare a body for burial

What would Mary have thought when she received this third gift?

Gabriel, Simeon, prophecies about suffering and sacrifice.

The third gift foreshadows Jesus' death. He is our **Suffering Servant** and was born to die for our salvation.

Jesus' Mission:

1. To reach us from our sin:

- Luke 19:10
- Luke 5:32
- Luke 9:21

2. To wrap us in His love

- Luke 2:7
- Wherever life lays you, God has you wrapped.

MARK 15:22-24

And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.



→ He **chose to feel the complete agony of the cross**, wrapped in the Father's love, instead of numbness.

Do we trust that God will see us through?

3. To release us from death

- John 20:4-5
- John 11:25-26
- Colossians 2:15
- 1 Corinthians 15:54-56

JOHN 19:38-40

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

The **Suffering Servant** has become our **Victor Over Death**.

MATTHEW 2:10-11

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.



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