

BEHOLD THE GIFT OF HIS ROYALTY

DAVE D'ANGELO | BEHOLD THE GIFT WEEK 1

What do the Magi show us about who Jesus is?

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Magi's Response

There are two distinct camps when it comes to the birth of Jesus:

The Magi

- Traveled a great distance
- Brought gifts of great value
- Pursued Him publicly
- Put Jesus first

Herod

- Indifferent
- Threatened
- Opposed

These camps never go away--which camp are you in?

Magis' Gifts

Gold: acknowledgement of kingship, signifies royalty

- Magi's purpose was not only to give gifts reserved for kings, but to worship Jesus as God

The Israelites had the Old Testament prophecies and were waiting for a king. God fulfilled the prophecy beyond what they expected or were looking for.

Jesus was born from the line of David, but He isn't a David kind of king; He is a God kind of King:

- David anointed with oil → Jesus anointed with Holy Spirit
- David conquered Goliath → Jesus conquered death
- David won his glory by spilling the blood of men → Jesus won His glory by spilling His own blood on behalf of men
- David has a final resting place in a grave → Jesus spent a brief time in a grave and is reigning forever alive in Heaven

At Christmas we acknowledge the arrival of **the** King.

Do we recognize Jesus as King, or do we:

- Look for what we want and what makes us comfortable
- Try to make Jesus just like us--He "gets" us

The way we **see** someone determines how we **respond** to someone.

The King of Kings deserves one thing from us--**worship**.

- Worshipfully honor Jesus by giving financially to Jesus first.
- Worshipfully honor Jesus with your thanks to Him every day, good and bad days.

Jesus is the King of our salvation—King of love, grace, mercy, forgiveness—all we have to do is confess with our mouth and believe in our heart that Jesus died for our sins so we could be in His Kingdom.

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