



**Sermon Series: *The Birth of Jesus Christ***  
**Sermon Title: *Jesus... THE GIFT***  
**Scripture: *Matthew 2:1-12***  
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## INTRODUCTION

2 Corinthians 9:15; John 4:10; Isaiah 9:6-7

Note: Jesus is “the Son” that was given, and from Him come countless gifts and blessings!

John 1:12-13

## I. JESUS... THE GIFT

### Matthew 2:1-2

1) These wise men are confidently seeking the rightful (recently born) King of the Jews!

Note: The title “wise men” or “magi” refer to men from the Babylonian Empire who studied a variety of topics including the stars, dreams, ancient writings, prophecies, etc.

Daniel makes reference to these individuals in Daniel 1:20; 2:2; 4:7; 5:7.

### Matthew 2:3-6

2) The bright, brilliant gift of Jesus shines against this dark backdrop of idolatry and apathy.

### Matthew 2:7-8

3) Herod is blind; his idolatry has made him suspicious, vindictive, and delusional. You cannot serve two masters; idolatry causes us to hate and resent the gracious, true Lord and King!

### Matthew 2:9-12

4) The wise men are joyful, purposeful, and worshipful!

## Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why do we describe Jesus as a “the gift” and as an “inexpressible gift”?
2. How did Herod respond to the wise men? How did the religious respond?
3. What is unique/special about the gifts that the wise men brought?
4. How do you think God wants you to respond today to the coming and work of Jesus?