

WORD

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

The color gold during Christmas represents the gifts of gold from the wise men. They traveled far in search of the King after they saw the star in the East. When Jesus was born into the world, the magi worshipped and presented gold to the infant King in token of His royalty. What does the Kingship of Jesus mean and how does His authority as King affect our lives?

- **Jesus is the King who is worthy of our worship.**

... "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:2

In the Old Testament, the Messiah was prophesied as the King of Israel with a star and a scepter (Numbers 24:17). The wise men offered valuable treasures of gold, incense, and myrrh as tokens of worship to Jesus. When we worship Jesus, it means that He is the highest authority and the most valuable Person in our lives. How does this reality help us keep our focus and devotion to Jesus this Christmas season?

- **Jesus is the King who deserves our obedience.**

The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is His.

Genesis 49:10

Because Jesus Christ is King, He deserves our allegiance, loyalty, and obedience. We place ourselves under His authority by obeying whatever He says in His Word (Luke 6:46). He taught His disciples to pray, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Why can we trust God's Word and will?

- **Jesus is the King who rules the nations of the world.**

... and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:5

As the King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:16), Jesus has authority over governing authorities of this world. He is not only Israel's King, but also the Christ for all the nations. Ultimately, Jesus commands us to preach the gospel of the kingdom to all the earth so that all people may have the opportunity to give their commitment to Him as their Savior and King (Matthew 28:18-20). What is one promise that we find in Matthew 26:64 and Revelation 5:10; 17:14?

SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- How is Jesus the King and Lord of your life? What areas in your life do you think do not reflect this?
- What do you think are some things that distract people's devotion and worship to Jesus especially during Christmas?
- In what ways can we refocus on Christ and not on gifts or material things?

NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- When is your usual personal time with God? When do you think is the best time for you to make this a habit?
- In what ways can you demonstrate in your home, school, or workplace that Jesus is the King, Lord, and Master of your life?
- If the wise men offered gifts of gold to King Jesus, what would you offer Him this Christmas season?