



Christmas Presents

Sacrificing Like the Wisemen
Matthew 2:1-12

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1. Sacrifice _____ (vv.1-6)

2. Sacrifice _____ (vv.7-10, 12)

3. Sacrifice _____ (v.11)

Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." **3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: **6** " 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' " **7** Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." **9** After listening to the king, they went on their way. 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. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** 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. **12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Titus 2:11-14**. How does the description in this passage differ from what most people think it means to "become a Christian" or to "live the Christian life"?
2. Read **Mark 8:34-37**. What are some of the reasons people are reluctant to be "all in" for Christ? How might you thoughtfully appeal to them about the foolishness of their reluctance?
3. Read **John 15:18-21** and **2 Timothy 1:8-14**. Why is a desire to be liked by others such a hazard for Christians?
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 1:4-10**. How would you describe the "power" (v.5) required to truly turn from our culture's "idols" to "serve the living God" (v.9)?

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. In what ways have you experienced a foretaste of "true life" (v.19) when you have been generous with earthly riches?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

December 16th
Amos 7-9 & Rev. 7
December 17th
Obadiah & Rev. 8
December 18th
Jon. 1-4 & Rev. 9
December 19th
Mic. 1-3 & Rev. 10
December 20th
Mic. 4-5 & Rev. 11
December 21st
Mic. 6-7 & Rev. 12
December 22nd
Nah. 1-3 & Rev. 13
December 23rd
Hab. 1-3 & Rev. 14

Streaming of both the audio and video of today's sermon is available on the Compass website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-21 – **The Chronic Noise of Worldliness**
Msg. 12-39 – **Christmas on a Budget**
Msg. 11-37 – **In Search of Christ this Christmas**
Msg. 07-38 – **Christmas & Worldly "Heroes"**
Msg. 18-18 – **The Perennial Precautions**
Msg. 13-01 – **Priorities in Tension**
Msg. 17-03 – **When Your Wallet Calls the Shots**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **The Treasure Principle**. Multnomah Books, 2001.
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Cortines, John & Gregory Baumer. **God and Money: How We Discovered True Riches at Harvard Business School**.
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Getz, Gene. **Rich in Every Way: Everything God Says About Money & Possessions**. Howard Books, 2010.
MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.
Mahaney, C. J., et al. **Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction of a Fallen World**. Crossway, 2008.
Metzger, Will. **Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity, 1984.
Mohler, Albert. **We Cannot Be Silent: Speaking Truth to a Culture**. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2015.
Ryle, J. C. **Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties and Roots**. Reprint. Charles Nolan Publishers, 2001.
Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.
Thoenes, K. Erik. **Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love**. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.
Zacharias, Ravi. **Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message**. Word Publishing, 2000.