

**Title:** Gift Exchange

**Text:** Matthew 2:11: *They fell down and worshiped him. Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

**Target:** The Gold pointed to the Royalty of Jesus, the Frankincense pointed to the Divinity of Jesus, and the Myrrh pointed to the Humanity of Jesus.

**I. The Significant Use of Myrrh:**

- A. Used for Anointing Priests (Exodus 30:23)
- B. Used as a Cosmetic for Esther (Esther 2:12)
- C. Used as a fragrance of Romance (Solomon 4:6)
- D. Used as a Medicine for Therapy (James 5:14)
- E. Used as a Treatment for Embalming (John 19:39)

**II. The Symbolic Use of Myrrh:**

- A. **Prophetic Message:** A child born whose destiny was to die for the world!
- B. **Confirmed Message:** Did Mary know?
  - 1. **Angel:** *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.* (Matthew 1:21)
  - 2. **Simeon:** *Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed and a sword will pierce through your own soul also, so that through to from many hearts may be revealed.* (Luke 2:34-35)

**III. The Scriptural Use of Myrrh:**

- A. **Abraham and Isaac:** (Genesis 22:2)
- B. **Smyrna:** (Revelation 2:8)
- C. **Mary of Bethany:** (John 12:1-8)
- D. **Roman Soldier:** (Mark 15:23)
- E. **Nicodemus:** (John 19:39)

**Take Away:** When you have an encounter with King Jesus you will always go home a different way (Matthew 2:12)