

Title: "Crown Him"

Text: Matthew 2:10-13

Target: A gift for a King is more than an object, it is an objective!

I. Expression of Worship:

- A. **Displayed Happiness:** "when they saw the star they **rejoiced** exceedingly with great **joy**" (Vs. 10)
- B. **Demonstrated Humility:** "and going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they **fell down**" (Vs. 11a)
- C. **Delivered Honor:** "**worshiped** him" (Vs. 11b)

Discussion Question: Here we see the Magi unable to contain their worship for the King of Kings. Worship is often an overflow of the abundant joy, as we see in the picture of the magi. When is the last time you could not contain your worship?

II. Emblem of Worth:

- A. **Opened their Treasure:** "**Then**, opening their treasures" (Vs. 11c)
 - 1. Gifts are to be Intentional
 - 2. Gifts are to be Memorable
 - 3. Gifts are to be Practical
- B. **Offered their Treasure:** "they **offered** him gifts, **gold** and frankincense, and myrrh" (Vs. 11d)
 - 1. Statement of Significance
 - 2. Statement of Surrender

Discussion Question: As children we loved to receive gifts. However, as we get older we tend to enjoy giving gifts more than receiving them. Why do you think that is? Do you enjoy the process of looking for the "perfect" gift for others? Do you see those gifts as intentional, memorable, and/or practical gifts? As you exchange gifts this season, be reminded of the gifts given to Jesus from the Magi.

III. Evidence of Wonder:

- A. **Divine Interruption:** "Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and **flee to Egypt**," (Vs. 13a)
- B. **Divine Intervention:** "and **remain** there until I tell you, for Herod is about to **search** for the child, to destroy him." (Vs. 13b)

Discussion Question: Sometimes God interrupts and intervenes in our lives in moments or times that we don't understand. Have there been times in your life that your plans were interrupted with God's intervention? Was the timing confusing to you in the moment, but made perfect sense looking back? Are you able to look back and give thanks to The LORD for His provision and protection?

Take Away: The place where God calls you His provision will always meet you!