

Make Room for Worship
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Three Popular Magi Myths

Myth 1: There were _____ Truth: _____

Myth 2: They were _____ Truth: They were _____

Isaiah 49:7, NIV – This is what the Lord says, “Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down.”

Myth 3: The Magi arrived _____

Truth: They arrived _____

Matthew 2:11a (NIV) says, “On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary...”

Main Passage: Matthew 2:1-2,9-11, NIV

Why were the wise men called Magi?

Magi means...

How did they know of the birth of Jesus? Why would they come searching?

How did they know to look for a star?

Numbers 24:17a, NIV – I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob (Judea); a scepter (ruler/king) will rise out of Israel.

Matthew 2:2a, NIV – “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?”

Matthew 2:11, NIV – On coming to the house...they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

John 1:29, NIV – John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Revelation 5:6a, 8a, 12-13, NIV – Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders... [and] the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. ... In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

The Gifts

- **Gold represents Jesus as** _____

Isaiah 9:6, NIV – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- **Frankincense represents Jesus as** _____

Hebrews 9:11a, 12, NLT – So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. ... With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

- **Myrrh represents Jesus’s** _____

Like the Wise Men, We Make Room for Worship When...

1. **We seek God without having** _____

Psalms 34:10b, NLT – Those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

2. **When we** _____

2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT – You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

John 3:16, ESV – [Jesus said,] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 10:10b, LB – [Jesus said,] “My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.”