

The Magi's Worship

Matthew 2:1-23

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, . . . there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14 [ESV](#))

"The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, . . . the oracle of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, . . . I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;" (Numbers 24:15-17 [ESV](#))

Main Idea: *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing!*

The Wise Men's Testimonials to Jesus' Majesty

Testimonial #1: Jesus is a King for every person.

*"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you **as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**"* (Isaiah 49:6 [ESV](#))

"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." (Luke 2:10 [ESV](#))

*"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, . . . for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.**"* (Luke 2:29-32 [ESV](#))

Truth: God loves to save people whom it seems are impossible to save!

Testimonial #2: Jesus is a King needed by every person.

Truth: Every person needs Jesus to be his/her Savior. Without Jesus, no one enters heaven.

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”” (Acts 4:11-12 [ESV](#))

Truth: A person may have much head knowledge of God and the Bible and of Jesus, but still remain outside of God's saving grace. A person may participate in many externals of worship without experiencing the internal reality of new life in Christ.

Truth: IF you have Jesus as your Savior King, then you have right standing with God. If you do not have Jesus as your Savior King, then you do not have right standing with God.

Testimonial #3: Jesus is a King rejected by most people.

“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.” (John 1:11 [ESV](#))

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.” (John 3:19 [ESV](#))

“but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,” (1 Corinthians 1:23 [ESV](#))

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” (Isaiah 53:3 [ESV](#))

Truth: Jesus' rejection by man is additional evidence that validates His Divine Kingship.

Testimonial #4: Jesus is a King worthy of worship.

Three Gifts Given in Worship to Jesus

1. Gold is the symbol of kings. This gift proclaims that Jesus is King of all Kings.
2. Frankincense is used in the Temple worship. This gift proclaims that Jesus is our Great High Priest who mediates between us and God.
3. Myrrh is used in embalming bodies for burial. This gift proclaims that Jesus will die as a sacrifice for our sin.