

The Gift

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When you're younger, you want something.

When you're older, you want someone.

The greatest gift ever given to mankind: Jesus.

II Corinthians 9:15 – Thanks be to God for his unspeakable and indescribable gift, [Jesus]!

Prophecies about Jesus:

- Born in Bethlehem
- Come out of Egypt
- Live in Nazareth

Joseph and Mary traveled 70 miles to Bethlehem to bring the Gift (Jesus).

The wise men traveled 800 miles to bring gifts to the Gift.

Matthew 2:1-6 – After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”

The wise men came within the first 2 years of Jesus's life to bring him the resources to live in Egypt until the death of Herod.

Gifts:

- Gold – symbol of Kingship
- Frankincense (incense) – symbol of Deity
- Myrrh (embalming oil) – symbol of Death

Joseph and Mary traveled from Bethlehem to Egypt—200 miles—to bring the Gift.

Joseph and Mary traveled from Egypt to Nazareth—270 miles—to bring the Gift.

Jesus traveled from Heaven to Earth to bring and be the Gift.

Philippians 2:5-11 – Your attitude should be the kind that was shown us by Jesus Christ, who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross. Yet it was because of this that God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Galatians 1:4 – He who gave himself for the sake of our sins to set us free from this evil world, according to the will of God Our Father.

John 1:9-13 – The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 14:6-7 – Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”