

1. They gave Him _____ . (vv. 1-11a)

- Why would Zoroastrian wise men care about a baby who was born _____ of the Jews?
- And we know that Daniel wrote of the coming King of the Jews. He saw Him in a _____. (Dan. 7:13-14)
- The Magi came to _____ the new-born King.
- The worship of the Magi also included considerable personal _____ in addition to making the trip.
- We also should worship the baby born in Bethlehem with our _____! (Rom. 12:1)

2. They gave Him their _____. (v. 12)

- With no intent on their part, the Magi ran afoul of Herod's _____ when they came asking, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (v. 2)
- The Magi were part of a _____ people and their motives were probably misunderstood.
- But the loyalty of the Magi to the new-born King was _____ than their desire to remain safe and secure.
- We also should _____ to obey Jesus & be loyal to Him, no matter the cost.
- People as _____ are still in need of a Savior.

3. They gave Him their _____. (v. 11b)

- You might have heard that gold, frankincense, and myrrh each have a _____ meaning appropriate to Jesus.
- When you give your allegiance to a King, _____ you have is His.
- We need to _____ Jesus with our treasures as well.
- Money is the god of this age. We need to beware its subtle tendency to enslave us in _____.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of December 15, 2019

Getting to Know Me

- Do you follow sports? College? Pro? Olympic? What is your favorite sport to watch? To do? Why?
- What is one of your favorite Christmas carols? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- The cross-references in your modern Bibles are great study tools and you should take note of them as much as possible. For example, what does the cross-reference to the word "star" in v. 2 to Num. 24:17 tell you?

- Quickly read over Romans 12, the whole chapter. Make a list of the kinds of behaviors that follow Paul's exhortation to "present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God?" In other words, how do we worship God with our lives?

- On the subject of giving our treasures to God, what promises does God make to us regarding our giving in 2 Cor. 9:6-11?

Application

- Does the fact that the Magi were Persians, at a time when Persia and Rome were at war, add anything to the story for you? If so, what and why?

- Does the fact that Christians are despised and misunderstood in our culture impact you? How? What could you do to counteract that influence?

- How are you showing that Jesus is, indeed, your King?