

WHAT WILL I GIVE JESUS?
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Determining Your Destiny - Part 4
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Matthew 2:1-11 Jesus was born in the **town of Bethlehem** in Judea during the time when **Herod was king**. When Jesus was born, some wise men **from the east** came to Jerusalem. ² They asked, “Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We **saw his star** in the east and **have come to worship him**.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, as well as all the people in Jerusalem. ⁴ Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. ⁵ They answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this in the Scriptures: ⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are important among the tribes of Judah. A ruler will come from you who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men and learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. ⁸ He sent the wise men to Bethlehem, saying, “Look carefully for the child. When you find him, come tell me so I can worship him too.” ⁹ After the wise men heard the king, they left. **The star** that they had seen in the east went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. ¹¹ **They came to the house** where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary, and **they bowed down and worshiped him**. They **opened their gifts** and **gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh**. (NCV)

Why The Wise Men Were Wise

- They sought **THE TRUTH** - Matthew 2:2a
- They didn't **GIVE-UP** - Matthew 1:1b
- They came for the **RIGHT REASON** - Matthew 2:2b
- They gave Jesus **THEIR BEST** - Matthew 2:11c

What To Give Jesus

1. GIVE HIM YOUR TRUST

Psalm 50:14 **I want you to trust me** in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory! (LB)

2. GIVE HIM FIRST PLACE

Exodus 20:3-4 You shall have **no other gods before me**. ⁴ You shall **not make for yourself an idol** in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. (NIV)

How To Put God F.I.R.S.T.

- Put him first in your **FINANCES**
- Put him first in your **INTERESTS**
- Put him first in your **RELATIONSHIPS**
- Put him first in your **SCHEDULE**
- Put him first in your **TIME**

Proverbs 3:6 In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. (LB)

3. GIVE HIM YOUR HEART

Luke 12:34 Wherever your treasure is, your heart will be there also. (NIV)

Hosea 6:6 I don't want your sacrifices. I want your love. I don't want your offerings. I want you to know me. (LB)

4. GIVE HIM MORE BELIEVERS

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)

Luke 14:23 ...Go out to the roads and country lanes, and urge the people to come so my house will be full. (NCV)