

Matthew 2:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Analysis

Finding 'the young child with Mary his mother' emphasizes Jesus' humanity while the Magi's falling down to 'worship' acknowledges His deity. The gifts are symbolic: gold for royalty, frankincense for divinity (used in temple worship), and myrrh for His death (used in burial). These expensive gifts likely funded the family's flight to Egypt and return.

Historical Context

The Magi entered 'the house' (not stable), suggesting months had passed. Ancient Near Eastern protocol required bringing gifts when approaching royalty. The gifts were extraordinarily valuable—perhaps equivalent to years of wages.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What is the most valuable gift you can offer Jesus in worship?
2. How do the Magi's gifts prophetically reveal Jesus' identity and mission?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐλθόντες	εἰς	τὴν	οἰκίαν	εὗρον	τὸ	
And	when they were come	into	G3588	the house	they saw	G3588	
G2532	G2064	G1519		G3614	G2147		
παιδίον	μετὰ	Μαρίας	τῆς	μητρὸς	αὐτῷ	καὶ	πεσόντες
the young child	with	Mary	G3588	mother	him	And	fell down
G3813	G3326	G3137		G3384	G846	G2532	G4098
προσεκύνησαν	αὐτῷ	καὶ	ἀνοίξαντες	τοὺς	θησαυροὺς		
and worshipped	him	And	when they had opened	G3588	treasures		
G4352	G846	G2532	G455		G2344		
αὐτῷ	προσήνεγκαν	αὐτῷ	δῶρα	χρυσὸν	καὶ	λίβανον	
him	they presented	him	gifts	gold	And	frankincense	
G846	G4374	G846	G1435	G5557	G2532	G3030	
καὶ	σμύρναν						
And	myrrh						
G2532	G4666						

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:6 (Worship): The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

Psalms 72:10 (Parallel theme): The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Matthew 2:2 (Worship): Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Luke 2:16 (Parallel theme): And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Psalms 95:6 (Worship): O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

Psalms 72:15 (Worship): And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

1 Kings 10:2 (Parallel theme): And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

Numbers 7:14 (Parallel theme): One spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense:

Revelation 19:10 (Worship): And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Matthew 14:33 (Worship): Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.