

More than the Manger

problem:

willing ignorance - Matthew 2:1-8 -mere 5 miles away and they missed it but these others did not miss it.

-two groups came to worship Jesus - Luke 2:1-20; and Matthew 2:9-11

-what did they understand that caused them to worship? what can we learn

Cpt:

We were given a king (Matthew 2:11) -Gold

Luke 1:26-33

Psalm 2

Revelation 19:11-16

we were given a priest (Matthew 2:11) -Frankincense

1 Timothy 2:5

Hebrews 7:23-28; 8:1-6; 9:11-15; 10:1-4, 11-14, 19-22

we were given a prophet (Matthew 2:11) Myrrh

(Exodus 30:22-25, 32-33; 1 kings 19:16)

deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:15-23

(Mark 8:31-33; 9:30-32; 10:32-34)

John 1:1,14

and we were given a sacrifice.

how did they know to give these gifts? Isaiah 60:1-7 -no mention of the third gift?

Myrrh had two more functions - perhaps these had something to do with it

Mark 15:23 -to dull pain

John 19:39 -to anoint for burial

we were given much more than a manger - John 1:29

we were given a sacrifice -Genesis 22:1-14; 2 Chronicles 3:1; John 19:17; 3:16

Implication:

We were given the perfect King, the perfect priest, the perfect prophet and the perfect sacrifice.

On Christmas morning God gave us the ruler of the whole world, the King of Kings.

On Christmas morning God gave us real access to Him through a perfect priest with a perfect sacrifice.

On Christmas morning God gave us the living Word of God and He gave us His Son to die in our place.

Main Idea:

Christmas means more than the manger