



# Christmas

## Unwrapped

### Christmas Unwrapped - Week 2

#### Message Discussion Questions

#### **Introduction:**

This week Matt continues a new series called 'Christmas Unwrapped'. Are you a gift person? Is gift giving at the top or bottom of your list? Do the holidays add extra gift giving demands?

For Part 2 we'll continue looking at the gifts brought to the baby Jesus by focusing on myrrh. What was myrrh, what was it used for, what did it represent as we unwrap the gifts we have been given regarding Jesus and His life?

#### **Questions:**

1. Why were the gifts the wise men brought important? If one of the gifts the Magi brought to Jesus was myrrh, what is myrrh? What was myrrh commonly used for? How was this gift deeply spiritual? Matthew 2:10-12; Mark 15:23
2. How was the gift of myrrh a foreshadowing of what was to come in Jesus' life? What did myrrh symbolize regarding the future for Jesus?
3. What did the prophet Isaiah write about 700 years before Jesus and why is it important? How amazing is this image he provides of the suffering servant? Isaiah 53:4-7
4. What problem do we all have? Why should we be compared to sheep? What three things are sheep known for? What things do we do that are a lot like sheep? Like sheep, what are we desperately in need of from a shepherd? Isaiah 53:6

5. Why should you follow Jesus? Do you find yourself ever thinking about Jesus sacrifice and death on the cross at Christmas? Do you find yourself focusing on the little baby in the manger, but not the suffering He endured, not what He went through to provide salvation for you? What separates Christianity from other religions, how is it different?
6. What does it mean to be a disciple? What is required for you to be a disciple of Jesus? Have you stopped to consider what it really means to 'deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus'? Are you ready for what that will require? Luke 9:22-23
7. As you think about Christmas, and what Jesus did for you on the cross, does it overwhelm your life? Do you remember that Christmas is God becoming flesh, born of a virgin, the perfect Lamb of God who never sinned, who suffered and died and paid the penalty for all your sin and mine? Are you All In?

**Key Takeaway:** *God sent Magi to give him myrrh, an embalming material, declaring that this one, this child was born to die in our place. The perfect lamb of God, who suffered in our place for the forgiveness of sin. That's why it's called the gospel. It is the good news. Jesus took our pain and bore our suffering. He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

**Summary:**

- The wise men brought Myrrh to Jesus, what is Myrrh? Embalming or pain killer...
- What did myrrh symbolize with Jesus' life?
- What did Isaiah prophecy 700 years before Jesus?
- How are we all like sheep? Weak, witless and wayward
- At Christmas do you think about Jesus' sacrifice?
- What does it mean to be a disciple and take up your cross?
- Does what Jesus did for you overwhelm your life?