



# Christmas

## Unwrapped

### Christmas Unwrapped - Week 3

#### 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 3 we'll continue looking at the gifts brought to the baby Jesus by focusing on the gold. What does gold represent as we unwrap the gifts we have been given regarding Jesus?

#### Questions:

1. What did the gift of gold to the baby Jesus represent? Was this an appropriate gift fit to bring a king? Why would the spiritual gift of gold identify Jesus as King? Matthew 2:10-12
2. What images come to mind when you hear the word 'King'? What should a King look like in our day and age? What are some things that are called king?
3. What were the Jews expecting for the promised Messiah? How would they have expected the king to come forth? What did they expect for His life and ministry to be like? How was Jesus a King like no other?
4. Why did Herod oppose Jesus as King, how did he respond to Jesus? Why would some people today oppose Jesus as King? Do you find yourself opposing Jesus as king of your life? Matthew 2:16
5. Why did the Jewish leaders and priests dismiss Jesus as King? Didn't they understand and quote scripture that prophesied about Him? Does the same thing happen with people today who dismiss Jesus? Are you a casual Christian? Do you have other things that need to be done and you just don't have time for Jesus, so

you dismiss Him? Micah 5:2

6. What did the wise men, the Magi, do when they were confronted with Jesus as King? How did they respond to Jesus, the King of the Universe? How was their response to this King the ultimate act of reverence and honor?
7. As you look at your life, what's your response to Jesus? Are you living like you don't need Him from day to day? Are you opposing Him, or are you like most people just dismissing Him? Is Jesus the King of your heart, the King who sits on the throne of your life? Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus the King?

**Key Takeaway:** *He's King Jesus and more than anything, I want you to know him. Life is too short, don't oppose Him, don't dismiss Him, I encourage you, bow down and worship Him with your life. One day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord, He is King, I want to encourage you to worship the King of Kings.*

### **Summary:**

- Why would the gift of gold identify Jesus as King?
- What do you think of when you hear the word King?
- What did the Jews expect for the Messiah, the King?
- The first response to Jesus as King: Herod opposed Him
- The second response to Jesus as King: leaders dismissed Him
- The third response to Jesus as King: wise men worshipped Him
- What's your response to Jesus? Do you know the King of Kings?