

Gift our Lord Brought to the World Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 3:16, Matthew 20, Acts 20:35.

B. The Father gave His Son, the Son gave His life, both gave to supply a need, and it is more blessed to give than to receive.

II. Christ died for His enemies, who brought Him the gift of blows, the cross, curses and mockeries.

III. What Christ's friends brought Him.

A. The wise men brought...

1. Gold.

2. Frankincense.

3. Myrrh.

B. Mary brought the channel by which God would enter.

C. Joseph gave the Lord faith when he believed the angel had conceived Jesus through Mary.

D. The Shepherds brought to Jesus reverent fear and praise.

E. The Lord loves plain people.

F. The women brought a robe to Jesus.

G. Joseph of Arimathea gave a grave to Jesus.

IV. What we bring.

A. Just as we value our children's presents even though they have little monetary value, God values our gifts.

B. We receive more by giving God what we have than He receives. One can never beat God in giving.

C. God wants our heart though we have nothing to give Him that He needs.

D. What makes a gift valuable to God is that it comes from the heart.

Application questions:

1. Which of the gifts given to Christ stand out to you? Why?

2. Why do our gifts find value in the eyes of an infinite God?

3. How would you counsel someone struggling with the value of his or her work for the Lord in light of this message? Explain.
