

What can I give Jesus this Christmas?

Matthew 2:1-12 Sunday, December 24, 2023 AVBC

The BEST gift you have ever given at Christmas...



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"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." – Matthew 6:33 (*Luke 10:38-42*)

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"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:19-21

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"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." – 1 Peter 4:10-11 (Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 2:10)

2. Lordship (vs. 2, 11)

• One more "T" T______

"Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?" – Luke 9:23-25 (Romans 10:9)

3. Worship (vs. 11)

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him." – Romans 12:1

"Give to the Lord the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor." – 1 Chronicles 16:29

- Psalm 8, 63, 100, 145-146



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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- **Q1**: On a scale of 1-10, how inquisitive are you? Do you have any questions about Christmas that have never been answered? If so, what are they?
- **Q2**: What is the best gift you have given to someone else at Christmas?
- Q3: How should our response to Jesus look like the magi's response?
- **Q4**: Of the three "T's" which is the hardest for you to consistently give to Jesus? Why? What is holding you back from trusting Jesus with this area of your life?
- **Q5**: Read Proverbs 3:5-6 & Psalm 37:3-6. In what ways are you daily giving Jesus your trust?
- **Q6**: What is a "Living Sacrifice?" What are some practical ways that you could offer your body as a living sacrifice to God?
- **Q7**: Take some time each day this week to read through the list of Psalms in #3. Spend some time in worship to Jesus for what He has done for you.