## "WHAT WILL YOU GIVE JESUS?" MATT 2:1-12 Satilla Baptist Church Wray, GA Pastor William Pope

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### I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Lot we don't know about the wise men:
  - i. How many there were?
  - ii. Where they came from?
  - iii. What was the "star" they followed?
- b. What we do know about them: They overcame great obstacles to worship the Christ Child:
  - i. Distance (maybe 300 miles from Iraq?)
  - ii. Difficulty (No planes trains or automobiles)
  - iii. Danger (Herod, before he killed the babies you can find in history that Herod had murdered his wife, his mother, his sons. He also had many of the prominent citizens of Jerusalem rounded up just prior to his death with instructions to kill them the moment he died so that there would be weeping instead of rejoicing when he died.
- c. They overcame great difficultly to worship the Lord. What a privilege to worship the Lord. We must beware the "Cult of the Comfortable" here in America.
- d. When they did come to worship Him they brought Him gifts. Verse 11 tells us that they brought Him, Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.
- e. What was the significance of these gifts? The Inspiration of Scripture tells us there must be significance for them to be included in this story. What can they mean?

## II. Gold: His Sovereign Dominion:

- a. Symbolic of Royalty. They were coming to Him as Royalty.
- b. ......Dan 9:25 (NKJV)

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- c. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. Isaiah 9:7 (NKJV)
- d. Ephesians 1:20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality[g] and [h]power and [i]might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
- e. Phillipians 2:9-11 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- f. Revelation 17:12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."
- g. Revelation 19: 11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a

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flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He [e]had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in [f]fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a [g]sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

- h. They did not cuddle Him they worshiped Him
- i. Announcing that the Gov. is Coming to Satilla next Sunday.
- j. We Give Him our Will, our Wealth, our Best, because He is our King

## III. Frankincense: His Sinless Deity:

- a. And the LORD said to Moses: "Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with these sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each. 35 "You shall make of these an incense, a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, and holy. 36 "And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put some of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. 37 "But as for the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. It shall be to you holy for the LORD. 38 "Whoever makes any like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people." Ex 30:34-38 (NKJV)
- b. They worshiped Jesus (Verse 11)

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- c. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. 1 Tim 3:16 (NKJV)
- d. For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)
- e. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-5 (NKJV)
- f. Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:57-58 (NKJV)
- g. Robert Clark has rightly given this assessment of Jesus' character. He says, "There was meekness without weakness, tenderness without feebleness, firmness without coarseness, love without sentimentality, holiness without sanctimoniousness, lowliness without lowness, truth without error, enthusiasm without fanaticism, passion without prejudice, heavenly mindedness without forgetfulness, carefreeness without carelessness, service without servility, self-exaltation without egotism, judgment without

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harshness, seriousness without somberness, and mercy without softness."

- h. He never apologized, or explained Himself or asked advice or asked to be prayed for, or modified anything he said.
- i. He had not strong points because He had no weak points. He was Perfectly Divine.
- j. We Give Him our Worship because He is our God

### IV. Myrrh: His Sacrificial Death

- a. After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. 39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. John 19:38-40 (NKJV)
- b. Used for the embalming of the dead. Also to dull pain.
- c. And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. 23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. Mark 15:22-23 (NKJV)
- d. What is more important to you. The Celebration of His birth or His death?
- e. The real Chrstmas tree is the cross upon which He died.
- f. We offer Him our Witness because He died to save the world from sin.

### V. CONCLUSION

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- a. What will we bring to Jesus this Christmas?
  - i. Soverign Domionion we will bring Him our Will and Wealth all that we possess, in talents, money, He deserves our Best because He is our King.
  - ii. Sinless Deity, We give Him our Worship—We fall on our face before Him because He is God
  - iii. Sacrificial Death, We give Him our Witness—Let us point others to the Cross.