

GIVING

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV

Introduction:

- With Christmas just a few days away, we better make sure we get our Christmas shopping done for everyone on our "list".
- But don't forget Jesus! After all, it is *His* birthday we are celebrating. The wise men remind us of three things we must give to Jesus this Christmas:

1. Give Him a Gift That Honors Him As _____.

Evidence of Jesus' "Kingship":

- Royal genealogy and virgin birth.
- Testimony of the magi and their gift of gold.
- Antagonism of Herod.
- Four fulfilled Messianic prophecies in Matthew 2.

Some three hundred thirty Old Testament predictions concern Jesus Christ. In chapter 2 Matthew points out four of those prophecies that were fulfilled during Jesus' infancy. There is no reasonable possibility that even those four – much less all three hundred thirty – could have been fulfilled accidentally in the life of a single individual. That fact in itself is overwhelming evidence of God's sovereign control of history and of the utter reliability of His Word.
John MacArthur, **MacArthur NT Commentary: Matthew 1-7**, p. 24

Kings _____.

The King rules in my life when I _____.

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I tell you?" (Luke 6:46)

"You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:14)

The King rules in my life when I _____.

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. (1 Samuel 12:24)

*"...as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."
(Matthew 25:40)*

2. Give Him a Gift That Honors Him As _____.

God is to be _____.

The motivation of our worship is His _____.

I appeal to you therefore brothers, by the mercies of God... (Romans 12:1-2)

The manner of our worship :

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3. Give Him a Gift That Honors Him As _____.

For a Savior, you pack your _____.

Conclusion:

It's time to go all in and all out for the _____.