



How to Make This Christmas HOLY

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¹ Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him.” ³King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for My people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the Child. And when you find Him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship Him, too!” ⁹After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the Child was.

¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹They entered the house and saw the Child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. *Matthew 2:1-12*

GOLD - Accept Jesus as Your _____

⁹Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

¹⁶On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. *Revelation 19:16*

FRANKINCENSE - Accept Jesus Your _____

³⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather fragrant spices—resin droplets, mollusk shell, and galbanum—and mix these fragrant spices with pure frankincense, weighed out in equal amounts. ³⁵Using the usual techniques of the incense maker, blend the spices together and sprinkle them with salt to produce a pure and holy incense. ³⁶Grind some of the mixture into a very fine powder and put it in front of the Ark of the Covenant, where I will meet with you in the Tabernacle. You must treat this incense as most holy. ³⁷Never use this formula to make this incense for yourselves. It is reserved for the Lord, and you must treat it as holy.” *Exodus 30:34-37*

⁵“You must bake twelve loaves of bread from choice flour, using four quarts of flour for each loaf. ⁶Place the bread before the Lord on the pure gold table, and arrange the loaves in two rows, with six loaves in each row. ⁷Put some pure frankincense near each row to serve as a representative offering, a special gift presented to the Lord. *Leviticus 24:5-7*

MYRRH – Come to Jesus as Your _____

³⁸Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus’ body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. ³⁹With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. ⁴⁰Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus’ body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. *John 19:38-40*

¹⁰The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices His life for the sheep. *John 10:10-11*