

Trần Nhật Phong – GIỚI MÃ KỶ 60: Nghĩ “đi tu” và kiếm nghề hết bạc tại Hoa Kỳ

Jesus in Every Book of the Bible

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(Author Unknown)

In Genesis, Jesus Christ is the seed of the woman.

In Exodus, He is the passover lamb.

In Leviticus, He is our high priest.

In Numbers, He is the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

In Deuteronomy, He is the prophet like unto Moses.

In Joshua, He is the captain of our salvation.

In Judges, He is our judge and lawgiver.

In Ruth, He is our kinsman redeemer.

In 1st and 2nd Samuel, He is our trusted prophet.

In Kings and Chronicles, He is our reigning king.

In Ezra, He is the rebuilder of the broken down walls of human life.

In Esther, He is our Mordecai.

In Job, He is our ever-living redeemer.

In Psalms, He is our shepherd.

In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, He is our wisdom.

In the Song of Solomon, He is the loving bridegroom.

In Isaiah, He is the prince of peace.

In Jeremiah, He is the righteous branch.
In Lamentations, He is our weeping prophet.
In Ezekiel, He is the wonderful four-faced man.
In Daniel, He is the fourth man in life's "fiery furnace."
In Hosea, He is the faithful husband, forever married to the backslider.
In Joel, He is the baptizer with the Holy Ghost and fire.
In Amos, He is our burden-bearer.
In Obadiah, He is the mighty to save.
In Jonah, He is our great foreign missionary.
In Micah, He is the messenger of beautiful feet.
In Nahum, He is the avenger of God's elect.
In Habakkuk, he is God's evangelist, crying, "revive thy work in the midst of the years."
In Zephaniah, He is our Saviour.
In Haggai, He is the restorer of God's lost heritage.
In Zechariah, He is the fountain opened up in the house of David for sin and uncleanness.
In Malachi, He is the Sun of Righteousness, rising with healing in His wings.
In Matthew, He is King of the Jews.
In Mark, He is the Servant.
In Luke, He is the Son of Man, feeling what you feel.
In John, He is the Son of God.
In Acts, He is the Savior of the world.
In Romans, He is the righteousness of God.
In I Corinthians, He is the Rock that followed Israel.
In II Corinthians, He is the Triumphant One, giving victory.
In Galatians, He is your liberty; He sets you free.
In Ephesians, He is Head of the Church.
In Philippians, He is your joy.
In Colossians, He is your completeness.
In 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, He is your hope.
In I Timothy, He is your faith.
In II Timothy, He is your stability.

In Philemon, He is your Benefactor.
In Titus, He is truth.
In Hebrews, He is your perfection.
In James, he is the Power behind your faith.
In I Peter, He is your example.
In II Peter, He is your purity.
In I John, He is your life.
In II John, He is your pattern.
In III John, He is your motivation.
In Jude, He is the foundation of your faith.
In Revelation, He is your coming King.

- o He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End!
- o He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all!
- o He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all times.
- o He always was, He always is, and He always will be...
- o Unmoved, Unchanged, Undefeated, and never Undone!
- o He was bruised and brought healing!
- o He was pierced and eased pain!
- o He was persecuted and brought freedom!
- o He was dead and brought life!
- o He is risen and brings power!
- o He reigns and brings Peace!
- o The world can't understand him,
- o The armies can't defeat Him,
- o The schools can't explain Him, and
- o The leaders can't ignore Him.
- o Herod couldn't kill Him,
- o The Pharisees couldn't confuse Him, and
- o The people couldn't hold Him!
- o Nero couldn't crush Him,
- o Hitler couldn't silence Him,
- o The New Age can't replace Him, and
- o Oprah can't explain Him away!
- o He is light, love, longevity, and Lord.
- o He is goodness, Kindness, Gentleness, and God.

- o He is Holy, Righteous, mighty, powerful, and pure.
 - o His ways are right, His word is eternal,
 - o His will is unchanging, and His mind is on me.
 - o He is my Redeemer, He is my Savior,
 - o He is my guide, and He is my peace!
 - o He is my Joy, He is my comfort,
 - o He is my Lord, and He rules my life!
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President Trump signaled his support on Monday for state bills that would allow public schools to teach courses in the Bible, which he once proclaimed was his favorite book.

Trump's tweet came minutes after "Fox & Friends" aired a segment Monday morning on pending legislation in six states – Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Dakota, Virginia and West Virginia – that would allow Bible literacy courses to become a part of a public school education.

"Nothing beats the Bible," Trump famously said on the campaign trail in 2015 – not even "The Art of the Deal."

The Christian activists who crafted the template for inserting the Bible into public school curricula celebrated the president's endorsement of the idea.

"We were excited to see it happen," Steven Fitschen, president of the National Legal Foundation, told Yahoo News. "The model bill that we were involved with is for the state level, but we were excited to see him use his bully pulpit, so to speak."

Fitschen said the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation – a

nonprofit group formed by former Virginia Republican Congressman J. Randy Forbes to promote “restoring Judeo-Christian principles” – hired him to help draft the text of legislation that could withstand First Amendment challenges to teaching the Bible in schools.

“We looked at what was already in existence and tried to craft a model bill so we could eliminate any constitutional problems, so there could be a course that taught about Islam or Buddhism or any other religion. Many other schools already have comparative religion courses,” Fitschen said. “The reason we centered in on the Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, is the history of the country, how much of our idiom and our political framework, all these things that were biblically derived because of the historical situation with many of the early colonists.”

The American Civil Liberties Union blasted both the attempt to infuse Bible literacy courses in public schools and Trump’s support of it. Its concern is that, notwithstanding Fitschen’s self-proclaimed commitment to religious neutrality, in practice the courses could, at least in some states, amount to a form of Christian evangelism.

“Yet again, President Trump is exploiting religious divisions to score political points. Public school Bible courses are rarely taught neutrally and objectively as required by the Constitution,” Daniel Mach, director of the ACLU Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief, told Yahoo News in an email. “Instead, these courses usually resemble Sunday school classes that blatantly violate students’ and parents’ First Amendment rights. Religious education is best left to families and faith communities, not public school officials.”

Just as the pro-business American Legislative Exchange Council crafts model bills that can be adapted and introduced in states across the country, the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation’s blueprint for inserting the Bible into public

schools follows a similar starter-kit approach.

“We don’t get involved with the legislative battles,” Fitschen said. “Instead what we do is we put together model bills that we think would work in any of the 50 states, and it’s up on the foundation website.”

While bills following the foundation’s template failed to pass in Alabama, Iowa and West Virginia last year, Kentucky passed its version, House Bill 128, in 2017, over objections from the ACLU, and it was signed into law by Republican Gov. Matt Bevin.

Supporters of Bible literacy classes say the text is being taught as a historical and cultural document, but the ACLU contends that including it in the curriculum is a way to promote religion.

“In several of these classes, teachers are using the Bible to impart religious life lessons and actively inculcate Christianity,” the ACLU of Kentucky wrote in a letter last year to schools seeking clarity on how the text would be presented to students.

Bills written by pro-religious groups that seek to influence the public school curriculum are not uncommon in the U.S. A new [Florida measure](#) authored by the Florida Citizens Alliance and sponsored in the state’s Legislature by Republican Rep. Dennis Baxley seeks to require public schools to teach alternatives to climate change and evolution.

A September poll from the Public Religion Research Institute found Trump’s approval rating from white evangelicals holding firm at 71 percent, and Monday’s tweet probably won’t change that.

A course in Biblical literacy might have helped Trump, who once [mistakenly referred to one of the New Testament books as “Two Corinthians”](#) instead of “Second Corinthians” –

embarrassingly, at a speech at the evangelical Liberty University.

On its website, the National Legal Foundation says its mission is to “prayerfully create and implement innovative strategies that, through decisive action, will cause America’s public policy and legal system to support and facilitate God’s purpose for her.”

Both the NLF and the CPCF view their goal of seeing Bible literacy taught in schools in all 50 states as a longterm project.

“I expect in some the states where it has failed they’ll try again,” Fitschen said.

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Tôi đờn Lagos vào 3:10pm ngày 17/01/2019 và đờc đờa vờ Hội Thánh Scoan với sự vui mừng, phờn khời vì chưa bao giờ mình đờt chân trên mảnh đờt nờy

Hai ngày kờ tiờp đờc người hướng đờn đờa đờn núi cờu nguyện, nhưng thật sự là một khu vườn đờc xây cờt trên vùng đờm lờy

Nời đờy là nời mà nhà Tiên tri TP Joshua bờt đờu chức vụ bằng sự cờu nguyện trong những chời nhờ. Nhưng hiện tại chung quanh đờc xây cờt với nhiờu đờy nhà đờy đờ tiện nghi cho cờ gia

đình c̣a kḥp các nước kéo đ̣n,

Vườn c̣u nguyện ṇy cḥ ỵu cho sự “Ṭnh nguyện cá nhân riêng tư với Chúa” không được làm ̣n cho những người đang c̣u nguyện bên cạnh. Chúng tôi được đưa đ̣n đây đ̣ c̣u nguyện suốt ngày. Khoảng 6:00pm thì ban ṭ chức c̣a HT Scoan đưa chúng tôi ṿ. Riêng ngày thứ ḅy thì họ đưa chúng tôi ṿ sớm hơn vì họ pḥi chụn bị cho ngày thờ phượng.

Chịu thứ ḅy, các nhân viên Hội Thánh Scoan ṭ chức pḥng ṿn từng người đ̣ bịt tình trạng bệnh lý. Sau đó những nhu c̣u đó được vịt trên một ṭm gịy và đưa lại cho từng người đ̣ chụn bị cho ngày Chúa nhật

Ngày Chúa nhật giờ nhóm kéo dài khoảng 8-9 giờ g̣m ngợi khen, làm chứng lại tụn trước, gịng dạy, c̣u nguyện theo nhu c̣u. Ṭt c̣ những người đ̣n đó đ̣u được c̣u nguyện. Tôi cũng được nằm trong đoàn thứ 3 là phái đoàn từ Việt nam sang khoảng g̣n 20 người. Có nhịu người bị ung thư ṭy xương, ung thư tụy ṭt giáp, thoát vị đ̣a điệ̣m và nhịu bệnh tật khác. Có một ṣ người pḥi vì nghèo pḥi

mượn tịn đ̣ đi, có người pḥi c̣m tài ṣn đ̣ đi. Ai ṇy cũng háo hức trông chờ ngày Chúa nhật đ̣n thì mọi nan đ̣ sẽ được gịi quỵt

Ngày Chúa nhật ai ṇy cũng ra ṃt Chúa với trang phục cḥnh ṭ, gương mặt đ̣y hy vọng, dưới đây là hình ̣nh cũng như lời chứng c̣a đoàn Việt nam trong ngày hôm ̣y Chúa nhật 20/01/2019

Lời chứng c̣a anh Nguyễn Thành Phương

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMti6_7Z5_Y

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KigVa7dQRB0>

Ṭi hôm đó, khi được tịp xúc với những người đã được c̣u nguyện trong ngày Chúa nhật (vì tôi ̣ chung một phòng với nhau) Ai ṇy mang tâm trạng ṛt là gịng nhau, đó là nặng ṇ và bụn ḅ vì bệnh mình không được lành. Ngay c̣ anh Nguyễn

Thành Phương, hôm ấy được lành nhưng hôm sau nằm vùi vì cơn đau trở lại, không ra ăn sáng nữa.

Riêng cô Nguyễn Thị Thu Thảo là người bị tà linh khủng khiếp, đêm ấy tà linh bíu lộ thì những nhân viên ở đó họ dùng nước "Nước bui sáng (Morning water)" sịt vào cô và bíu cô cầm chuôi đồ lộn chuôi đồ cứu nguyện, nhưng vẫn không giải quyết được nạn đó, nên họ đem cô giữ nơi phòng riêng

Chiều 22/01/2019 Tiên tri TB Joshua đã đến thăm đoàn và tặng quà, ông có hỏi nhân viên cô bị tà linh là người nào. Khi bíu cô, thì ông nhìn cô khiến cô ngơ xuống, sau đó ông chụp hình chung với cả đoàn và ra khỏi phòng. Nhưng sau đó cô Thảo vẫn bị tà linh quay trở lại.

Sáng hôm sau 23/01/19 cả phái đoàn Việt nam lên máy bay trở về nước, đến phi trường Singapore, tà linh khủng khiếp cô Thảo mạnh mẽ đến nỗi cảnh sát ở Singapore còng tay cô lại và đem vào bệnh viện tại Singapore, không cho lên máy bay về nước. Họ cần liên lạc với người nhà bên Việt nam để qua chăm sóc (đây là lời khuyên của người thông dịch cho cả đoàn, cô Linh Diệu, vì lúc ấy tôi bay về Mỹ)

Hiện tại Mục sư Nguyễn Thị Truyên và gia đình đang chăm sóc cô Thảo tại Singapore. Tôi đã liên lạc được với Ms Truyên và ông đã cho bíu cô vẫn còn giữ lại trong bệnh viện

Hỡi con cái yêu dấu của Chúa, đây là lời tôi cảnh báo cho những người nào xem chương trình Emmanuel T.V và có ý định mua đi sang đó. Chính tôi đã đặt rất nhiều hy vọng về Hội Thánh Scoan trong sự chữa lành và giải cứu. Nhưng đã thất vọng vì thấy nhiều người trong đoàn thật sự không được chữa lành.

Những người trong đoàn 3, có nhiều người không có tiền phải mượn tiền để mua vé đi, nhưng trở lại "tiền mất tật mang". Không phải bệnh nào cũng được lành. Họ vẫn trong sự đau đớn, thất vọng. Không những thế cô Nguyễn thị Thu Thảo bị tà linh vẫn không được giải cứu hoàn toàn, mà phải nằm lại bệnh viện tâm thần ở Singapore, chưa được lên máy bay về Việt nam. Một

sự thật nào nđường như không thđ tin nđi nhưng có thật.

Điđu mà tôi khuyên anh chị em “Hãy tập chú vào Đđng quyđn năng hơn là người đđc sức đđu quyđn năng” và “ Những điđu chúng ta thđy qua thông tin, thì không phđi lúc nào cũng đđy đđ”. Hãy cđn thận và suy xét cũng như cđu hđi ý Chúa.

Muđn thật hđt lòng,

Một người trong đđàn Việt Nam thứ 3 đđ đđn thăm chđ Sloan TB Joshua.

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She died, went to hell and heaven, then woke up at the morgue – Christian Testimony

Magis and Jesus

Magis and Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

Introduction: Today is Christmas! What an wonderful day it is! Today we are going to study about magis. We are going to look at three things about magis: who is magi, why they came and what they did. Magis are wise men, they came to worship Jesus and gave three gifts. Why is it so significant? The story of magis reveal God's heart for sinners and how we should worship Him and the Gospel message. So it is a very significant story. Let's see one by one: who is magis, why they came to Jesus and what they did.

Body

1. Who is magis?

Some say magis are the kings. Some say they are magicians. The word "magi" is from the Greek word "Μάγος" which is originated from Persian word for wizard, sorcerer and magician. What comes to your mind? They are like modern day "Harry Potter". My son is killing time with reading whole series of Harry Potter now © Basically, the word "magis" is related to Persian religion. They are powerful, famous and legendary people from the ancient world. But they were pagans, non-Christians. Bible calls them "wise men from the east."

Wise Men- Matthew 2:1 says "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem," Notice the word "from the east". Biblically speaking, "east" is an evil place. Genesis 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. "East" is an evil place!

Don't worry if you are from Southeast Asia! I am from "East Asia" © These wise men were pagans and non-Christians from the evil place! They are from the East of the Eden. They are Cain's descendants. They were cursed people according to the Old Testament! They were not to be associated with the holy people! But why they are here at the beginning of the New Testament? Isn't it almost dishonorable thing that Jesus was greeted by these pagan evil

magicians? This is not good. Jesus was born in a smelly and cold manger. He was greeted by low rank shepherds. Imagine that your only son was born in a trash can at 4 am at a cold night greeted by bunch of homeless people and half-demon possessed people? Your son will hate you for the rest of their life, right? But that is how the King of kings, Lord of Lords, the Son of God was born to the earth. It tells us two things.

1. **Jesus was born in the humblest way:** When the whole world wants to become great and more famous, Jesus came humbly. Jesus was not born to be famous. He was not born to be served. But He was born to serve humbly. He humbly came down to the earth to die for our sins! In the world, the place and family you are from makes who you are. Indian friends' name reveal their places and family members. That shows how worthy and great you are. But
2. **Jesus loves the sinners:** Jesus was not greeted by well respected people like Pharisees and even the king of the Jews the Herod. Instead, he was greeted by the evil sinners. Interestingly, when He died, the first eyewitnesses of the risen Jesus were women. One of them used to be demon-possessed. Women and demon possessed were the worst people group at that time. But Jesus was seen by them first! Both at the birth of Jesus and death of Jesus, He was greeted by sinners! The worst people! What does that tell you? Jesus loves sinners. That is why He came. He came to die for sinners, not only for Jews but also for Gentiles. The fact that the pagan magicians from the East could come and greet Jesus is really encouraging. Which means you can come to Jesus and greet Him as well! You may think, "I need to be perfect before God to come to Him and greet Him." At least, if I read the entire Bible, then I can come to God. When I pray more than 2 hours every day this week, then I can come to God." You can think that way, however, that is not true. We can come to Jesus as we are. We are like the shepherds. We are like the magis. We are lowly and wicked. But we can come to Jesus as we are and greet Him.

Who is Magis? They were evil magicians, the pagan wise men. But who they were shows how much God loves us. He loves the sinner.

1. Why did they come? To worship Jesus the true King!

(Matthew 2:2) "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" The magis are high rank people. They were almost second to the king. Their main job was interpreting king's dream. That's it? That is just so nothing. But back then, dream was a big deal. How many of you think the dream is a big deal? People still think their dream is a huge deal. Back then, it was even more! How much more for the king's dream. Especially, king's dream was the direction of the whole country. Magis were interpreting that dream. That's a huge task and huge place to be. But these high official magis came to worship the baby because they believed the baby as the King.

Let's look at the historical context little bit. At the time when Jesus was

born between BC 4 and AD 10, the relationship between Rome and Persia was not good. They were fighting over Armenia. It would be difficult for Persians to travel over to Rome territory. It must be a life-risk journey. Second, Persia used to be a mighty country called "Babylon". And Jews used to be their slaves. Going to once-slave country is not a worth investment. It is like British Anglo Americans are visiting Native Indian chief's son's birth place. Plus, traveling thousands miles on the camel is not an easy ride. They had to go through war-zone, historical conflict and physically tiring journey. It must be frightening, life-risking and muscle stretching trip. But why did they do it? Because, they were so confident. They saw the "king star". They knew that the King was born in Judea! So regardless of all the dangers, they came to see the king. Magis came to worship. This is not a new concept. There are several stories in the Old Testament of these high ranking magis worshipping the true King in the Old Testament.

Daniel's account: (Dan 2:48) "the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men". – Daniel was the magi of magis. He was the wisest man among all the wise men. All the other magis had to bow down before the authority of Daniel. Why was he so powerful? Because God was with him. It is not that Daniel was great, but God whom Daniel served was great! People had to worship and bow down before God whom Daniel served. Not just magis, wise men, but also even the king of Persia bowed down to God the true king!

Joseph's account: (Gen. 41:43) "and they called out before him, 'Bow the knee!' Thus [Pharaoh] set him over all the land of Egypt" Joseph interpreted the dream and subdued all wise-men in Egypt. In front of power of God, all the power of the world bowed down and worshiped God. This is why magis came to the little town of Bethlehem to bow down and worship the true wise-men, the true King of kings and the Lord of lords.

This shows what true worship is. True worship is to lay down our kingship and bow down to the true King the Lord Jesus. It is to say "I am not a king of my life anymore. I am not in control in my life anymore. Jesus is my King. He is my Lord and Savior!" That is the true worship.

In Today's world, everyone is in control with cell phone. You are the king of cell phone that you can do whatever you want on the small screen of yours. Laying it down and focusing on God became so hard these days. Listening to the true King instead of watching Youtube became so hard these days. Because you are kings on your own. Remember there was a king who did not bow down to baby Jesus. Who was he? The king Herod.

Matthew 2:3 says "When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;" He probably thought, 'new king of Judea'? I am the king of Judea! No one else can be the king in my country. I am going to kill him!' Instead of worshipping Jesus, he was trying to kill Jesus. Even when all these pagan magis and kings come to bow down to Jesus, His own people, Jewish king did not come to bow down. Why? Because of pride. It is same today. People who are proud are not coming to Jesus. They hold on to their kingship with pride. "I am a king in my life! I am in control of my life. I get to decide what to do." These people even come to church and say "I come to worship Jesus". King Herod also said, "I am going to go to worship Him" but

his intention was to kill Jesus to get rid of His Kingship. These people say "I worship Jesus, but Jesus is not my King. He is just my helper. Whatever I decide, whatever I do, He has to bless me. He has to bless my family, bless my business, bless my school and bless my church." I am not saying "blessing" is wrong. All good things and blessings come from Jesus! The problem is that they still worship themselves. They use Jesus for their own appetite! They bow to their own needs.

There was another group who were troubled: Notice in the verse "all Jerusalem". Even the whole city of Jerusalem was troubled with king Herod. Jerusalem was not happy that baby Jesus was born as the King! "New King? Uh-oh! We are under Roman empire. They put the king Herod in this Jerusalem district. Herod is the official king. But the new king was born? We are in trouble! This will bring a huge brake in our relationship with Rome." They were more concerned about their human relationship. They are more concerned about their safety than rejoicing and worshipping the true King Jesus. Today, we see people who concerned about their relationships and safety more than Jesus. "If I continue to follow Jesus, I may lose my friends. I may lose my families. If I come to church on Sundays, I may lose my job opportunities. If I pray at my school, my friends may ridicule me and leave me. If I don't go to drinking parties with my friend, I may lose them. Believing Jesus is so dangerous. It is so costly. I don't want to put myself and my families in dangerous situation. I don't want to lose anything." These people care more about their relationships and safety.

However, true worship is to lay down your kingship. It is to lay down your pride. Lay down your fear. Lay down your cell phones. Lay down your money power. Lay down your education power. Lay down your leadership influence. Lay down your glories. Lay down all your concern for relationships and safety. But bow down to the True King: Jesus Christ! As magis laid down their authorities and influences, went through dangers, came all the way to the little town Bethlehem, humbly bowed down to the baby, we are to do the same! Lay down your pride. Lay down your fear. And bow down to Jesus! That is the true worship!

1. What did they do? They gave gifts. **Matthew 2:11** "And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

This is the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy! **Isaiah 60:6** says **A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.** Wise men represented the all nations. They were not Jewish. They were from pagan nation. They were pagans. However, they came to Jesus to worship Him and gave the gifts to Him. Now look at what gifts they gave: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. What are they? There are lots of theological speculations about those three gifts but they all agree that those three gifts symbolize who Jesus is and what He will do.

First, gold means "kingship". By giving gold to Jesus, the wise men recognize Jesus as the king! The True King! He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He is the most high King even though He was a weak baby born in a manger. Secondly, frankincense means "offering to God". Frankincense is given

to God as the sweat aroma. Wise men recognized Jesus as God! Wow, isn't it amazing? Not only as King but also they worshipped Jesus as God. Jesus is the King! And He is God! When Roman emperors call themselves as a king and a god, these wise men were bowing down before the true King and true God. This was definitely dangerous and revolutionary act! Do you worship Jesus as your King and God? No matter what it costs, we should worship Him as our King and God.

Lastly, myrrh represents death and sacrifice. The first two gifts were revealing who Jesus is: He is the King and God. But the last gift shows what Jesus would do: He would die as the sacrifice. How ironic it is. The King and God die as sacrifice? But that is why Jesus came. He came to die! He came to die for you and me as the atoning sacrifice to the Lord for us! Even at the beginning of Jesus' birth, God used wise-men to tell us what kind of life Jesus would live. The King and the Lord God would voluntarily and willingly sacrifice His own life to take away our sins by His death on the cross! Who He is and what He has done are all in this story! This is the Gospel Story! Magis, the evil pagan wise men came to Jesus to bow down and to share the wonderful Gospel story for us.

Likewise, we are to share the wonderful Gospel with others. We are to share who Jesus is and what He has done. We are to tell our kids, our parents, our relatives, friends, coworkers that Jesus is God and King but He died for our sins. If pagan evil wise men did that, we can! God used the magis from East to reveal His name and wonder, He can use anyone from any evil background for His name and glory. He is not just using seminary professors or pastors. He can use single moms, child, youths, homeless, all kinds of people from all kinds of background for His glory!

Conclusion: In magis' story, we learned three things: God loves sinners, we should lay down our pride and fear and bow down to Jesus, and share who Jesus is and what He has done! I hope and pray that in 2019, you would all live as Magis did to little baby Jesus. Let's pray.

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