



fruitcake facts





Fruitcake Downfall



Lost Christmas





FRUITCAKE

Finding the Fruit in

CHRISTMAS



One fruit

**Its one fruit with
many aspects**





Christmas fruit

**Goodness, Joy,
Peace, and Gentleness**





Christmas Journey

**Patience, Kindness,
Faithfulness and
Self-Control**

Matthew 2:1-12





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Faithfulness

**Firm in adherence to promises
or in observance of duty, Loyal
Their Belief led to Action**

**We see Christmas as a day,
they saw Christmas as
a quest**





Faithfulness

**They had plenty of chance to say
enough is enough**

They were not afraid to ask for help

**The stayed-on course until they
reached Jesus**





Patience

Are We There Yet?



They had to move at God's pace

They knew where they were starting from

But they had no idea where they were going





Patience

Are We There Yet?



They really did not know how long the journey would take

They had no idea what it would cost them

They had to patiently wait on God's direction





Kindness

**Presented him with gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh**

**It does not say at that point they understood the
concept of who Jesus really was**

**There was a good chance they
came in hopes of making peace
with this new ruler**





Kindness

**They understood the idea
of bringing an offering to
a king**

**In physical form -- Gold,
Frankincense and Myrrh**

**They bowed down and
worshiped him**





The very first "Christmas" Service



How long do you think their
"Christmas" Jesus
experience was?


Jesus was Enough





Self-Control

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.





Self-Control

Seeing a detour sign

A sign that says accident ahead

All flights canceled

**They received a warning
not a command**





Self-Control

The ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations.

**The Magi were definitely wise men,
as they decided to do thing
God's way**





Live fruit
Seek Christ
find Christmas

*Wise Men
Still Seek
Him*

