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4. Myrrh was an expensive burial spice.

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1. Jesus was given myrrh because He was born to die!

- He was chosen (offered Himself) before the world began.

“...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect, He was **chosen before the creation of the world**, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.”
- 1 Peter 1:19,20

“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to **the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.**”
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- His death was the gift from the Father.

“But when the time had fully come, **God sent His Son**, born of a woman, born under law, **to redeem those under law**, that we might receive the full rights as sons.”
- Galatians 4:4,5

- The Old Testament foretold His death.

“But **He was pierced for our transgressions**, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.”
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- The angels understood that He was born to die.

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- Luke 2:34,35

- Jesus spoke clearly of His death to the disciples.

“He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that **He must be killed** and after three days rise again.”
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2. He was given myrrh because His death would be the last sacrifice ever needed for sin!

“Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties: again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God.”
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	The Old Way	Jesus’ Way
When?	Day after day	One time
How many priests?	Thousands	One
Position?	Stands	Sat down
How Often?	Again & again	Once
Verb tense?	Present (ongoing)	Past
Result?	Never take away sins	Sin is gone!

Lessons For Me

1. His work in dying for sin is complete!

“...because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”
- Hebrews 10:14

2. This means that my sin has been paid for, but that my work towards holiness continues.

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