

Jesus Our King

Matt 2:1-13

- 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, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
- 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

- 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:
- 6'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
- For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel."

- 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

- **9** When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. **11** And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- **12** Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. NKJV

God is sovereign over all.

- Someday God will bring all things into subjection of His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - ▶ Ps 110:1-3 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be volunteers
NKJV

1 Cor 15:23-28

- **24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.**
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Jesus will be glorified by all

- ▶ **Phil 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**
- ▶ **9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NKJV**

- Kingship is one of Christ's three primary offices; Prophet, Priest, King.
 - It is the one thing that man so opposes about Jesus
 - ▶ We would not mind him being a teacher, or priest or a dozen other positions but when He comes in as king then man rebels as Jesus so often told in the parables.
 - ▶ The resolve of human nature until it is renewed is always this, "We will not have this Man to reign over us." Men might be willing for Christ to save them, but not for him to reign over them.
- Spurgeon

Ps 2:1-3

- Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." NKJV

The kingdom Jesus came to set up is in our hearts.

- Jesus said to Pilate, “My kingdom is not now of this world.”
 - ▶ His kingdom was not for that time and place.

His is a Spiritual kingdom.

- ▶ **Paul says, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood , but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Eph 6:11-12 NKJV**
- ▶ **It is a kingdom that enlists our minds and our hearts.**
 - **The things we think, the decisions we make, the life choices we embrace, the world view we have.**
 - **The things we love, what we live and die for.**
 - **Jesus said that where our treasure was that is where our heart would be for the things we treasure we pursue.**

The greatest spiritual battles today are fought in people's minds and hearts.

- Satan understands this and has taken over the educational system of this country.**
- Our young people are challenged to think freely as long as it does not lead them to Christianity or the Bible.**
- The TV tells us what is important and how we should live.**

Satan goes after the thoughts and the affections of God's people.

- He works on us to compromise.**
- He entices us with the vanities of this world.**

We all are called to show our allegiance to Christ.

- In our worship.
 - ▶ In Spirit and in truth as Jesus told the woman at the well.
 - ▶ Of all the things we see in heavenly scenes, this is the primary activity.
 - ▶ When the Moses requested the freedom of the children of Israel it was so that the people might be able to worship their God.
 - ▶ The largest portion of the early pioneers in this county came here for freedom of worship.

**The wise men came that night
after traveling for maybe two years
to worship this ne King.**

- They could have sent their gifts with someone else.**
- But they could not worship this King from their homeland.**
- We can hire others to do mission work.**
- We can send our gifts but worship must be personal.**

In our possessions.

The king does not deserve merely a token of what we have for the King owns it all, even our very lives.

In our time.

- ▶ In olden days the king would enlist whom he would to serve in his kingdom.
- ▶ Everyone was at the kings beck and call 24/7/365.

In our conduct

- ▶ **We are not only subjects of the Kingdom but we are ambassadors for the King**
- ▶ **In the real world a person can be tried for treason for consorting with the enemy.**
- ▶ **1 Cor 6:18-20 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. NKJV**

There are but two kingdoms.

- ▶ **The kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of Christ**
- ▶ **Everyone is a member of one or the other.**
- ▶ **You cannot be a member of both.**
- ▶ **Is Jesus your King, your Lord, your Master?**