

So Much More

More Than A King (Week 2)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Jesus is so much more than just a king. He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Key Scriptures

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

... anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. John 14:9

I and the Father are one. John 10:30

Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

Ephesians 1:21-22

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords. Revelation 19:16

Because Jesus is King of Kings:

- Our debt has been paid.

God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13-14

- Our present has purpose.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

- Our future is secure.

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

John 14:1-3

Start talking.

- Describe the classic figures in a nativity scene?
- Which fit the the biblical narrative and which may not?

Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 2:1-2. Why were the Magi looking for a king? What is unique in the fact the one they are looking for is "born king"?
- Read John 14:9 and 10:30. Why are these such profound statements? How do they connect to Jesus' royal sovereignty?
- Read Ephesians 1:21-22. How is Jesus above all rule, authority, power and dominion?
- Read Philippians 2:9-11. Why will everyone eventually acknowledge that Jesus is Lord?
- Read Revelation 19:16. Was Jesus born with this title? If so, how should that impact our celebration of Christmas?

Start doing.

We would do well to follow the example of the Magi when encountering the King of kings and Lord of Lords that first Christmas.

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Matthew 2:11a ESV

- Worship him in praise.

Make a list this week of all you can praise Jesus for.

- Worship him in prayer.

Intentionally take time to speak with him each day.

- Worship him in service.

Ask Jesus to reveal those around you he is calling you to serve.

Closing prayer.

Jesus, you alone are King of kings and Lord of lords! You are above all authority, power, and dominion of this world. I worship you and you alone. This Christmas, help me to honor you in praise, in prayer, and in service to others. For you alone are worthy!