

Pursuing the King: Is Jesus King?

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Questions: What are some of your Christmas traditions? What are your day-after-Christmas (Boxing Day) traditions? When have you lined up for a crazy sale? When does the tree and lights come down?

Read Luke 2:1-7

Questions: Which of these words is the first one you would choose when describing Jesus and why? Comforter – Deity – Friend – Healer – King – Prophet – Saviour – Teacher Why might “King” not be the first descriptor that comes to mind for many people? How familiar or unfamiliar are you with modern monarchies? Do they fit into today’s world? Why or why not?

Read Luke 1:30-33

Question: What words from these verses speak to the royalty of Jesus?

Read Matthew 2:1-8

Magi myths:

1. They weren’t kings.
2. We don’t know how many.
3. We don’t know their names.
4. They weren’t “following the star.”

The birth of a new rabbi, teacher, religious figure, or prophet? No worries. But a king?

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The significance of “Messiah”:

- The title of God’s final King.
- Hebrew for “anointed one.”
- In the Greek language, it’s “Christ.”

Questions: What is the difference between “believing” and “following” Jesus? In what ways do the reigns of Herod and Caesar contrast to the reign of Jesus? In what ways are they similar?

**The Kingdom Jesus is King over is
a kingdom not of this world but
a kingdom for this world.
He reigns, not for the benefit of Himself, but
for the benefit of humanity.**

Questions: Is Jesus your King? If He is, in what ways do you wrestle with His right to rule and influence over your life every day? How do you let His sovereignty influence how your life is going to look every single day – how you spend your time, money – what you’re going to prioritize? Will you commit to asking this question of yourself every day this week?