

Pursuing the King: A Different Kingdom

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Question: What do you know or think would be the differences between a mother's "birth story" and a father's "birth story"?

Read Luke 1:26–45

Question: In Luke 1:32, what are three significant truths that are highlighted about Jesus?

**Lord is a very specific word and meaning:
it refers to whom a person belongs.**

**We see Jesus as our Savior, but Elizabeth and the
early followers of Jesus saw him as their King.**

Read Matthew 1:21

**Jesus didn't talk much about salvation.
He talked about The Kingdom of God.**

Read Luke 4:43

**If Jesus was just a religious figure or spiritual leader,
Herod had nothing to worry about.**

“We try to keep heaven and earth conveniently separated. But if Jesus is who Gabriel said he was, heaven has come to earth in the form of a baby King, and that changes everything.”

Question: What are some responses you have to this statement?

**Understanding of Jesus' Lordship has real-world
implications for my life.**

Question: What do you think some of those
“implications” for your life are?

Read Acts 11:26

Question: What are some of the connotations of the title
“Christians” in the cultural context back then?

The first followers of Jesus didn't just believe in Jesus as a savior, they served him as their King and Lord.

**Christmas has become a lot of things,
but it's really about the birth of a King.**

Questions: Is Jesus your King? What does that look like
in your life?