

MORE THAN A TITLE

Wrapped Up – *Part 2*

ON TV: It's not so much about **entering into something, someday**. It's primarily about **participating in something, right now**.

ON TV: We end up becoming people who **believe in** something, rather than people who choose to **participate in something**.

ON TV: That with the birth of Jesus, **a King was born!**

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 3 And everyone went to his own town to register." Luke 2:1,3*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"...His kingdom will never end." Luke 1:33b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and we have come to worship him.' 3 When King Herod heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born?" Matthew 2:1-4*

ON TV: Messiah/Christ: God's anointed one.

ON TV: Christ is a title. It means King, God's anointed, the **final king**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"5 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler.' 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared." Matthew 2:5-6*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"8 He sent them to Bethlehem. Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." Matthew 2:8-9, 11*

ON TV: *"...God is love..." 1 John 4:16b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. 16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi." Matthew 2:12, 16*

ON TV: Our Christian faith **doesn't require us to look away from cruelty, injustice, and suffering**. It has been a part of the story from the very beginning. As **Christ followers we're required to look** at the cruelty, injustice, and suffering in the world because it is a reminder to us of **why God sent His Son** and why He didn't just send a Savior from sin. **He sent a King to lead us and to instruct us in a different way of living**.

ON TV: *"To all the people in the Empire, worship your gods, but obey Caesar."*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God..." 1 Peter 2:9-10a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake, to every authority instituted among men..." 1 Peter 2:13a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: “The disciples were called *Christians* first at Antioch.” Acts 11:26

ON TV: In the first century ‘Christian’ was not a religious term. It was a **political term**.

ON TV: Herod understood this and chose to **resist**. The Wisemen saw this and they chose to **worship**.

ON TV: Is Jesus **your King**?

ON TV: Forgiveness didn’t change the world. The **followers who embraced and lived out the values of Jesus** changed the world.

ON TV: Do we want to make Plainfield, and Oswego, Aurora, and Naperville a great place to live?

ON TV: Are we willing to do what the people in Antioch did? Are we willing to **shift our ultimate allegiance and submit to the King** who came to reverse the order of things?

ON TV/OUTLINE: “34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: *Love each other*. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 *Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*” John 13:34-35

ON TV/OUTLINE: “4 In him was life, and that life *was the light of men*. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness *has not overcome it.*” John 1:4-5

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