

GIFTS FIT FOR A KING

The King Has Come!

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Open & Welcome (Merry Christmas)
- B. The Most Wonderful Time of the Year! (*Andy Williams*)
- C. No Kings Movement.....
 - 1. No Crown-No Throne-No King
 - 2. God warned about earthly kings way back in Deut. 17
 - a. Only anoint the king that I choose (David)
 - b. Three things that kings shouldn't be led by:
Power-Sex-Money
 - c. One thing an earthly king should be led by: The Word of God
- D. What about all of our "Cultural Kings?"
- C. No King.....But Jesus!

I. THE KING WAS PROMISED

- A. The Old Testament Prophets all pointed to the coming King, the Messiah & the Savior of Israel & the World!

Isa. 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

Micah 5:2 *“But you, Bethlehem.....though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”*

2 Samuel 7:12-16 *When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son..... Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”*

***Zechariah 9:9-10** *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. *[Triumphal entry in **Lk 19:28**]*

***Zechariah 6:12-13** *Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’ (**Lk 19:45**)*

- B. Because of the promise and the arrival & ministry & promised coming kingdom, the earthly kings & self-appointed religious hierarchy were threatened.....

1. Herod the Great when Jesus was born
2. Herod Antipas when John the Baptist pointed people to a new kingdom and a new king
3. Herod the Galilean when Jesus was mockingly sent to him in chains and called the king of the Jews
4. Conniving and corrupt Sanhedrin and Priesthood that pressured Pontious Pilate, the Ruling Roman Governor to crucify Jesus for claiming He came to Earth to be born a king who rules by Truth (*We have no king but Caesar.....*)

II. THE KING CAME & ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM

- A. Jesus, in the gospels, and later, the NT writers mentioned the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God over 100x
- B. John the Baptist, and then Jesus, consistently said Jesus' kingdom was near and then here, when the King walked out of a tomb in glorified flesh and then left the planet w/o the aid of a rocket!
- C. Jesus told his disciples many parables about this coming Kingdom and how different it is from earthly kingdoms, including Israel
 1. This kingdom is not about ruling, but submitting & serving & working to expand it's impact

2. This kingdom is not about the love of power, but about the power of love (Opposite ANY earthly kingdom)
3. This kingdom is not about possessing earthly wealth & lands, but about the processing of spiritual growth & bearing the fruit of a spiritual indwelling
4. This kingdom is not about the cravings of flesh & carnality but the intimacy of true relationship that are faithful, committed and eternal
5. This kingdom is not about insurrection, but about resurrection... a resurrected king and his resurrected followers

III. THE KING REIGNS & PROMISES TO RETURN

- A. Peter and the disciples unlocked the gate for all to enter the kingdom of Christ in Acts 2 & Acts 10 through submitting to Christ as King and the receiving of his Holy Spirit, making us the Holy Temple

Eph. 2:19-22 *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

- B. The only thing left for us as we reign with Christ is to expand this kingdom and await the final resurrection to our own glorified bodies

Col. 3:1-4 *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

CONCLUSION (Praise Band/Team Back Up)

- A. What gifts would we have to give our amazing King of Kings?
 - 1. Three Magi from the East traveled to Jesus' birth with at least three valuable gifts: Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh (Matt. 2-More on this w/Mike on Dec. 24)
 - 2. Three gifts we can bring our King this season:

1 Cor. 13:13 *Now these three remain: faith, hope & love....*

- a. Faith-Something to Inspire Us to Believe In
 - b. Hope-Something to Encourage Us to Endure Through
 - c. Love-Something to Live For, Give to Others & Follow the Example of our King (Greatest)
- B. A mustard seed's worth of faith builds a lifetime's worth of hope that allows us to endure anything as we live the love of Christ's love....(**Eph. 3:16** Dimensions in all directions....)
- C. Offer Invite