

The King Has Come

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Responding To The King

Jesus:

- The Son of Abraham, the offspring to bless all nations.
- The Son of David, the eternal King fulfilling God's covenant.

Matthew 1:1 (ESV) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:16 (ESV) and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

- The genealogy establishes his right to be king and messiah.
- Luke and Matt are different.
- Matt – Joseph through Solomon.
- Luke – Joseph through Nathan.
- Both emphasize Abraham and David.
- Matthew – Primarily to the Jews – Jesus as King.
- Luke – Primarily to the Gentiles (Theophilus) – Jesus is Savior of all.
- Different audience, different emphasis: Matthew includes the wise men.
Luke the Shepherds.

TRUST GOD'S PLANS IN FAITH

Matthew 1:18-20 (ESV) 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

God often works in ways that require faith.

Matthew 1:21 (ESV) "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

- Yeshua – Yahweh Saves/Yahweh is Salvation.

Matthew 1:21-23 (ESV) 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

- They had to leave Nazareth to go to Bethlehem.
- Approx. 90 miles.
- About a week’s journey.
- Angels to the Shepherds - “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”

WORSHIP IS THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO KING JESUS

The Magi:

- Gentiles
- Likely Persia (Modern Day Iran) or Babylon.
- Traveled 8-900 miles.
- Writings of Daniel, Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy.

Matthew 2:1-2 (ESV) 1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

- How do we respond to the kingship of Jesus?

Matthew 2:3-6 (ESV) 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Matthew quotes prophecy to show Jesus was foretold and how he fulfills the prophecy.

Matthew 2:10-11 (ESV) 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

- Gold – Royalty (Jesus as King).
- Frankincense – Deity (Jesus as God).
- Myrrh – Death and Sacrifice (Jesus as Savior).