

The Last Kingdom
Week one - *"The Last Kingdom"*
Luke 1:16-33, Luke 2:1-11, Matthew 2:1-3, and Psalm 24:1
Bottom line: We are citizens of the last kingdom, under the reign of King Jesus, and that changes everything.

1. Mary is told that her son will inherit David's throne and reign forever. How does seeing Jesus first as King shape the way you understand the Christmas story—and your relationship with him?
2. Caesar Augustus represents the power of the world's empires, while Jesus arrives as a vulnerable child. What do these two pictures of power have in common, and what is different about Jesus' way of reigning?
3. Herod is disturbed by the news of a rival king. What might make Jesus' reign feel threatening to people today? Are there parts of life where we resist his authority?
4. The sermon describes God's kingdom as already begun in Jesus, but not yet fully realized. Where do you see signs of God's renewing work now? Where are you still longing for the kingdom to come fully?
5. If the kingdom is about God renewing creation, rather than simply escaping the world, how might that change the way we care for our neighbors, communities, or the world around us?
6. Kingdom citizens shift from scarcity to abundance, and from seeking personal success to seeking God's glory. Which shift feels most challenging in your life right now? What might it look like in practice?
7. Psalm 24:1 says the earth and everything in it belong to God. How does that shape what you do with your time, money, abilities, or influence—and what kind of legacy you hope to leave?