The King Is Here - 2 "He Came"

Christmas is good news for all

"The Gospel begins with Christmas"

- Shepherds (Angel of the Lord announces) Luke 2:8-11 (KJV) vs 10...good tidings of great joy
- Simeon (He was righteous and devout waiting for Messiah to come and rescue Israel) Luke 2:28-32 (KJV)

vs 31 & 32... my eyes have seen thy salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people.

vs 32 "a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of the people Israel"

- 3. Anna (a prophetess serving in the temple)
 Luke 2:36-38 (ref)
 vs 38... She gave thanks unto the Lord...
 ...to <u>all</u> them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
- 4. Wise Men (from the east) Matthew 2:1-3 (KJV)
 ...one born <u>King</u> of the Jews...
 Matthew 2:10 ... when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy

King Herod's Opposition

Matthew 2:13-16 (ref) Slew all children two and under in and around Bethlehem

Jesus is King with a Kingdom

A king like no other king A Kingdom like no other John 18:33-37 (Pilate) (NLT)

A King Like no Other

- · Loving, serving one
- · Just and yet merciful
- Righteous and Holy
- Giving and Forgiving
- Humble King

Kingdom is Not:

- Of this world...natural/physical
- National or Political
- Romans 14:17 (ref) Boundaries are: Righteousness, Peace, Joy in the Holy Ghost

Kingdom Is:

Spiritual, heavenly, redemptive, universal, progressive *Operates by God's GRACE through our faith *It is received by faith Isaiah 9:6-7 (KJV) vs 6 - Government upon his shoulders vs 7 - of the <u>increase</u> of his government and peace, there shall be no end. *His kingdom is ... forever Luke 1:30-33 (Angel Gabriel to Mary) (KJV) vs 33 - His Kingdom will never end

Opposition to the Early Church

Acts 4:21-24 (Threatenings of the Apostles) (ref) Acts 4:25-30 (KJV) Quoted David in Psalm 2 concerning futile opposition

Acts 17:1-9 (NLT) Paul and Barnabas (Jason's home) vs 7... professing allegiance to another king

Acts 14:22 ... with much tribulation we must enter the Kingdom of God
1 Timothy 1:17 (ref) He is the eternal king...
1 Timothy 6:14-16 (NLT) King of all Kings Lord of all Lords