

BORN IS THE
KING





What is a king and what does he do?

The king was the central ruler of the nation. He was responsible to keep the peace, administer justice, uphold the law, and centralize the power. Biblical kings were called to recognize God as King (Ex.15:18) and that their rule over Israel was under God.



“Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.”
(1 Samuel 8:5)



Beware of The Wealthy and Handsome Leader

9 There was a wealthy, influential man named Kish from the tribe of Benjamin... **2** His son Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land. (1 Samuel 9:1a-2)



Saul Appears to Begin in Humility

21 Saul replied, “But I’m only from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe in Israel, and my family is the least important of all the families of that tribe! Why are you talking like this to me?”



But Saul Ends in Prideful Disobedience

10 Then the Lord said to Samuel, **11** “I am sorry that I ever made Saul king, for he has not been loyal to me and has refused to obey my command.” (1 Samuel 15:10-11)

24 Then Saul admitted to Samuel, “Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord’s command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded. (1 Samuel 15:24)



King Jesus Passed the Test of Humility

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. **7** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, **8** he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.



This Christmas let us remember that in God's kingdom we have a leader in King Jesus who humbled himself all the way to death on a cross for us. He never gave into the demands of men or the whims of his culture. He pleased God in perfect obedience.



This Christmas Our Humility May Be Tested

Jesus gave up his divine privileges in order to die on a cross for us. Where are we tempted to go after our privileges this Christmas season? How can we humble ourselves and lay down those rights and privileges and choose instead to join Jesus in the humility of serving others?



#1 With Jesus as Our King, Commit to Humility



#2 With Jesus as Our King, Commit to Peace



#3 With Jesus as Our King, Commit to Love