

BORN TO BE A KING

The Intentional Gift – Advent 1

November 30, 2008

Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT) *“Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ² ‘Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We have seen His star as it arose, and we have come to worship Him.’ ”*

Matthew 2:5-6 (NLT) *“‘In Bethlehem,’ they said, ‘for this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶ ‘O Bethlehem of Judah, you are not just a lowly village in Judah, for **a ruler will come from you** who will be the shepherd for My people Israel.’ ”*

Matthew 2:11 (NLT) *“They opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”*

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV) *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”*

Matthew 1:20b-21 (NIV) *“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”*

JESUS IS A KING LIKE NO OTHER

Matthew 2:8 (NLT) *“Then he told them, ‘Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the Child. And **when you find Him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship Him, too!**’ ”*

Matthew 2:9-10 (NLT) *“After this interview the wise men went their way. **Once again the star appeared to them, guiding them to Bethlehem.** It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰ **When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!**”*

REACTIONS TO KING JESUS THEN AND NOW...

1. Some people are _____ about King Jesus.
2. Some people are _____ by King Jesus.

John 18:36-37a (NIV) *“Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now **My kingdom is from another place.**’”* ³⁷ *‘You are a King, then!’ said Pilate. Jesus answered, ‘You are right in saying I am a King. In fact, for this reason I was born...’”*

3. Some people are _____ for King Jesus.

Like The Wise Men You Have To...

- Diligently _____ for Jesus the King.
- Lay your _____ before the King.
- Make Jesus Your _____ King.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE READINGS

11/30 - Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Visit Jesus

12/1 - Micah 5:2-5

A Promised Ruler from Bethlehem

12/2 - Isaiah 9:6-7

A King is Named

12/3 - Zechariah 9:9-10

The Triumphal Entry Propheesied

12/4 - John 18:33-37

Jesus Claims to be King

12/5 - Daniel 7:13-14

A Kingdom is Envisioned

12/6 - Revelation 11:15

Jesus Will Reign Forever

