



The Wonders of His Love

The King is Born - Messiah

WEEK 3 - December 19/20, 2020



OVERVIEW

Why do we call Jesus the king? Why did Magi from the East bow before him? This week we will reflect on what it means for Jesus to be the *Messiah* - the promised anointed king of Israel - and why the birth of this new ruler was such *very good news* (both in the ancient world and today!).

*He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David,
just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago.*

Luke 1:69



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share the qualities that come to mind when you think of a king?
2. The Jews were waiting for The Messiah for hundreds of years. Based on prophecy, they had ideas of what The Messiah might be like when he arrived. What type of person did they expect? (some examples can be found in Luke 1:68-75 and Matthew 2:5-6)
3. Describe someone you know that turned out to be completely different than you first expected.
4. How was Jesus, The Messiah even better than the Messiah that the Jews were expecting?
5. What are your expectations of the Messiah?
6. Why is the Messiah so important?
7. Tim shared an example of what "messianic Fever" could be like today - the French waiting for a national cycling champion. What can you think of in today's world that might be similar to the first century Jews waiting for "The Messiah"?
8. Read Luke 1:68-75. Where do you find hope right now?
9. The angel told the shepherds in Luke 2:10, "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." The good news was that the Messiah was born. Does this news bring you great joy? Why does it seem that today not "all" people find great joy in the news that the Messiah was born?
10. How would you explain to someone that the coming of the Messiah IS good news and brings joy?



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