

Advent 2020

Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King

Jesus as King
Genesis 49:8-12
December 6, 2020

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet. - Genesis 49:10

I. THE KING IN PROPHECY

- The scepter and ruler's staff: symbols of kingship (Esther 4:11; Ps. 2:9, 45:6)
- God's kingdom: False starts, the reign of David, and then spiritual and physical decline (1 Sam. 13:14, 15:28; Ps. 137:1)
- A coming king ruling over a kingdom that shall know no end (Dan. 2:44; Ps. 45:6; Luke 1:33, 20:18)
- A king arising again from the line of David (2 Sam. 7:16; Luke 1:30-33; Rom. 15:12)

II. THE KING REVEALED

- In the fullness of time (Mark 1:14-15; Gal. 4:4-5)
- In the Name of the Lord (Luke 19:37-40; John 12:13)
- In the signs of the coming kingdom (Matt. 4:23; Luke 7:21-22, 11:19-20)
- In direct declarations (Matt. 2:2; Luke 23:3, 42; Acts 17:7)

III. JESUS AS KING

- A spiritual kingdom now, a literal kingdom then (John 8:23, 18:36; Rom. 14:11; Phil. 2:5-11; Rev. 19:11-16)
- A king with expectations (Psalm 2; John 3:16-18; Rom. 11:22)
- Our future in Jesus' kingdom (Eph. 2:6; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 3:21, 22:5)

KNOW: Jesus' role as king makes him our sovereign Lord. As subjects in his kingdom, we are called to obedience. As those who will co-reign with him, we are called to faithfulness and steadfastness. Our hope lies not only in a baby in a manger, but in the King of kings and Lord of lords.

DO: Submit to your king.

Suggested Reading:

King's Cross: The Story of the World in the Life of Jesus by Tim Keller
(Available in the LifePoint Library)

None Greater: The Undomesticated Attributes of God by Matthew Barrett
(Available in the LifePoint Library)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 49:8-12

1. How does this text speak of a coming king?
2. How do we learn to be good subjects to a king when most have been raised in a democratic republic?
3. If Jesus is truly king, is the kingdom of God a democracy?
4. Jesus did not arrive like a king. Why do you think God planned it that way?
5. Read Psalm 2. What does this teach you about your king?
6. Many kings have come and gone. What is it, exactly, that makes King Jesus different?
7. How will you live differently with Jesus as both King and Lord over your life?