

The Promised King
The Decree of the King
Isaiah 52:7-10

Christmas can too often be characterized as a frantic race. We race to get shopping finished. We race to get meals prepped. We race to get cards sent and gifts wrapped. And then in what seems like an instant, it is over. The finish line tape is broken, and we are left with a mess. Is it possible though that in our rush to the finish line, that there still may be one unopened gift left under the tree?

1. The King decrees redemption for His people.
2. The King decrees proclamation of the gospel.
3. The King decrees salvation to all who believe.

It is not our responsibility to regenerate hearts to salvation. Only God can do that. Our responsibility is to be faithful in the proclamation of salvation. He has ordained the means to salvation and our King has decreed those means to His people—“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news—your King reigns!”

For further consideration:

Consider the idea that the gospel has come to you on its way to someone else. How has that played out in your life among your spheres of influence? Take a moment to pray and ask God to use you as a witness to His gospel. Be specific enough in that time of prayer to ask God for the names of people that might need to hear the good news of salvation. Consider some of the things in your life that might need to change in order to prioritize a stronger involvement in the work of the kingdom in the coming year.