

The Dawning of the King

Luke 1:26-33 (ESV)

“Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the king. He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ who condescended – took on flesh to ransom us.”

But when you think about a king who or what comes to mind? Images that come to mind are people like King Leonidas from 300, King Arthur, King Henry VIII, Aragorn from The Lord of the Rings, T’Challa from Black Panther, Mufasa from Lion King. A king is typically a powerful person who rules and is in control and has lots of people running around doing their bidding. When you think about interesting ways for a king to be introduced, Jesus probably takes the cake. He comes in the humblest of ways – as a baby! The most fragile of beings. This is who God sends to redeem us.

1. The King prophesied. (2 Samuel 7:8-17)

2. The King commissioned. (Luke 1:26-33)

3. The King promised. (Revelation 19:11-16)

Big Takeaway – The King of kings desires to be the King of your heart.

Jesus was born to suffer and to save. But you can’t be King without a kingdom. See, Jesus came to establish and inaugurate a kingdom – the kingdom of God. And if we are followers of our King, there is a question before us today. Are we living in the kingdom of God? Are we allowing the King of kings to be the King of our hearts? We don’t mind Jesus being king in title as long as he’s not telling us what to do. I don’t know about you but after reading Revelation 19, it tells me that God’s kingdom is not a democracy. He has final say. He is the One who is faithful and true.

When we say that Jesus is king over our lives...over our hearts, we are saying that Jesus has final say over our decisions. The problem is that we want him to have final say over the decisions that we agree with or the decisions that we like. “God don’t convict me. Don’t challenge me. Don’t cause me to change my way of thinking or my way of living.” Tim Keller says, “Most people want Jesus as a consultant rather than a King, and He does not come that way.” **Have you become your own king in another’s kingdom?** So, which kingdom are you living in? Which kingdom are you giving your heart to?

The great news is that this King is faithful and true. He’s trustworthy. And He desires to be intricately involved in your life. Isn’t that the message of advent? Isn’t that the message of Christmas? This great, holy, majestic King - He chose to come to you. This King is gentle and lowly in heart. And He’s good and He’s righteous.