



King JESUS

Sunday, December 6, 2020 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 2 | King of Righteousness

Deuteronomy 17:14-20; Isaiah 11:1-5

Three Offices/Roles of Christ

These are also roles of God's people — fulfilled perfectly in Jesus.

Speaks God's
words to people.

PROPHET



PRIEST

Speaks to God on
behalf of people.

Rules as God's



KING



representative.

God promised a **KING**

from the Garden

Genesis 3:15 → Revelation 19:11-16ff

The plot line of Scripture is tracing how God will fulfill the promise of Genesis 3:15!

stipulations

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

all the kings...

who always does **RIGHT**

unlike all the others

Psalm 71:19

King of Righteousness

Isaiah 11:1-5; Hebrews 7

and **BEFRIENDS** his people.

gentle and lowly

Matthew 11:28-30



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

Getting to Know You: Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *Describe something you once strongly desired (for example, a car, television, stereo or a relationship with a particular person). When you got it, did it fulfill your expectations? Explain why or why not.*

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

** This week's questions are adapted from: Cindy Bunch, ed., Advent of the Savior: 6 Studies for Individuals or Groups: With Notes for Leaders, A LifeGuide Bible Study (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An*

The Magi's Search for the King

1. What are you currently waiting for or anticipating? How does it affect your thoughts throughout the day?

The nation of Israel waited for centuries for God's anointed king to be born. Jesus' birth, however, was not greeted with royal gladness by the nation and its leaders. Instead, there was intrigue and conflict. The political and religious establishment felt threatened by the coming of the Messiah. It was left to foreign leaders to welcome the newborn king. **Read Matthew 2:1–18.**

2. Compare and contrast Jesus the heavenly king and Herod the earthly king in this chapter of Matthew.
3. There are many traditions and myths in church history about the Magi that may or may not be true. But drawing only from the information in this passage, what can we discover about them?
4. Describe the details of their search for Jesus.
5. How has knowing Jesus involved you in a search or journey—either initially or in your ongoing spiritual life?
6. How has what you have found in your journey with Jesus been similar to or different from what you expected?
7. Compare and contrast the response of the religious leaders (**v. 4–6**) to the response of the Magi (**v. 7–12**).
8. On hearing of Jesus' birth from the searching Magi, Herod also begins a search for the newborn Christ (**v. 13–16**). How does his search compare with that of the Magi?
9. The responses of the Magi and Herod are typical of the ways people respond to Jesus today. Describe some different responses to Jesus you have witnessed?
10. What factors might cause people to respond to Jesus in radically different ways?

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11. God is the unseen actor throughout the chapter. In what ways can we see his behind-the-scenes actions (v. 6, 15)?
12. The way in which we celebrate the Christmas season can lead to much anticipation and at times great disappointment. What disappointments has the most recent season brought for you?
13. What gifts has it brought?
14. What activities or practices might help you to foster a season of Advent which is centered on the Christ child who has come to fulfill God's promises to us?

Pray

Spend time praying for one another by name, and praying for Jesus to come again soon as our righteous King!



DECEMBER CHALLENGE

Memorize our Mission Statement:

This month let's memorize our mission statement as a reminder to live it out!

We are sent to love people and invite them
to follow Jesus with us.

Word Find for Isaiah 11:1-5 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

1 There shall **come forth** a **shoot** from the **stump** of **Jesse**, and a **branch** from his **roots** shall **bear fruit**. **2** And the **Spirit** of the **LORD** shall **rest** upon him, the **Spirit** of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the **Spirit** of **counsel** and might, the **Spirit** of **knowledge** and the **fear** of the **LORD**. **3** And his **delight** shall be in the **fear** of the **LORD**. He shall not **judge** by what his **eyes** see, or **decide disputes** by what his **ears** hear, **4** but with **righteousness** he shall **judge** the **poor**, and **decide** with **equity** for the **meek** of the **earth**; and he shall **strike** the **earth** with the rod of his **mouth**, and with the **breath** of his **lips** he shall **kill** the wicked. **5** **Righteousness** shall be the **belt** of his waist, and faithfulness the **belt** of his loins.

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