

Sermon Series: The Greatest Gift  
Sermon: A King to reign over us  
Scripture reading: Luke 1:26-38  
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Last week, on our first Sunday of Advent, we took a look in Matthew chapter 1. We saw the angel announce to Joseph that this baby was to be called Jesus, which means Yahweh saves. He was to be called Jesus because he 'will save his people from their sins.'

Jesus is a Savior. He died on the cross to pay the penalty for the sins of all those who believe in him.

Now most of the world doesn't believe in him. Many haven't even heard of this news even once. Many who have heard, don't believe they need a Savior. They believe they are just fine.

Well, Jesus is not only a Savior. He is also a king. That's what I want you to hear today. I want you to leave here thinking more about Jesus as your King.

The Old Testament scripture promises about Jesus are mostly about his kingship. Yet, maybe we don't see him in that light as we should.

It is clear from the Old Testament that God promised to send not just a Savior, but a King.

## I. The Promise of a coming King.

In **Genesis 3:15**- Just after the fall, we see God say to the serpent these words, “He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel.” Here in the first part of the Bible, we already see that there will be ONE who will come and fight against Satan. One who will crush and defeat Satan.

In **Genesis 17:1-8**- In God’s promise to Abraham he says, “I have made you a father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations and kings shall come from you.”

[Now Abraham gave birth to Issac and Issac gave birth to Jacob and Jacob had 12 sons, one of which was named Judah.]

**Genesis 49:10**- says that through the tribe of Judah shall come those kings that were promised. “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet until tribute comes to him, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”

[And God did raise up kings from the tribe of Judah beginning with King David.]

**2 Samuel 7:12**- “I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.”

And **verse 16** says, “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

[So, there would come a descendant of David who would be king....forever.]

In **Daniel 2-** King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream of a statue resembling the kingdoms of the world. And a great stone smashed them all to pieces and became a great mountain. **Verse 44** says, “The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.”

In **Daniel 7:13-14**, Daniel sees a vision. He says, “I saw in the night visions, and behold with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

In **Isaiah 9:6-** “for unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to

establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.”

In the prophets **Joel and Amos** we see he is the lion of the tribe of Judah, roaring from Jerusalem.

In **Micah 5:2**- “but you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”

In **Zephaniah 3:15**, as we saw in our study on the Minor Prophets, it says, “The King of Israel, the LORD [Yahweh], is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem; ‘Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save’

**Zechariah 9:9-10** says, ‘Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey’

And the last of the Old Testament prophets...what did he say about the King?

**Malachi, chapter 1:14** says, “I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.”

Jesus is the King that God promised to send.  
What he said he would do, he did!

Every single word has come true and is coming true.

So, we come to our passage in **Luke 1:31**.

**‘And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’**

Sounds familiar once we have read the Old Testament passages. Jesus is the king God promised to send.

What did Jesus himself say about his Kingship?

Later in Luke’s book (22:67), when Jesus is arrested, the chief priests and the leaders of the council ask him, **‘If you are the Christ (which means anointed one), tell us.’** But he said to them, **‘If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.’** So they all said, **‘Are you the Son of God, then?’** And he said to them, **‘You say that I am.’** ....and they took him to Pilate saying, **‘he says that he himself is Christ, a king.’** And Pilate asked him, **‘Are you the King of the Jews? And he answered him, “You have said so.”**

Jesus is asked in all 4 gospels, **‘Are you the king of the Jews?’**

But probably the most striking thing Jesus said about himself he said at the end of Matthew in chapter 28 verse 20, **“All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me.”**

All authority, in heaven and on earth is his. Only God has authority over heaven and earth. This means that He is THE King of the whole universe. That means he is at the highest position in the cosmos. He is the most powerful, most glorious being that exists.

In Revelation we see him in his glory (Revelation 19:11) **Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine lined, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.**

He has all authority in all the universe. He sits on the throne now and he is bringing his kingdom on earth as we speak and one day, he will come again and reign visibly. But although we don't see him now..reigning as

king, make no mistake about it, HE IS KING and the Bible is clear about that.

## **II. The Purpose of the King.**

I am afraid many of us as Christians receive him gladly as our Savior and even believe he IS a King but we struggle to live like he is our King.

We want the forgiveness he provides but we run our own lives.

We ask his advice, but we call the shots.

We want him to bless what we want to do, instead of being a part of what he's doing.

We want his grace but not his sovereignty.

We want his mercy but not his rule.

We accept him as Savior, but don't embrace him as Lord.

### **What's the purpose of a King? To reign over us.**

Do you see Jesus as your king?

Does he have total rule over your life? I mean really, like everyday, is he even involved?

When you make decisions, do you consult the King?

Have you asked the King what you are to do with your life?

Do you take the jobs that you want to take or do you ask the King what he wants?

Do you consult the King about what to do with his resources?

Do you ask the King if you should marry this person or not?

Or do you simply accept Jesus as your Savior while you SELF RULE??

If so, that's not the Jesus of the Bible. Maybe you have believed in a false gospel, a false Jesus.

You see, I am afraid that we compartmentalize our lives. Over here I have my spiritual life....and in this sphere I read my Bible, pray and go to church. But the other compartments of my life, are off limits to King Jesus.

- **My relationships are separate.** I can date or marry a non-believer if I want to. It's separate. If I ask King Jesus about this, he will make me stay single. You know he works too slow. I may not ever get married.
- **My job is separate.** I take the job that is best for me or where I can make the most money. That's not God's category. If I ask King Jesus, he might make me go to to the mission field or something.
- **My money is separate.** I earned it and as long as I give some to the church, I can do what I want with it. If I talk to King Jesus about this, he'll likely ask me to do something with it that I don't want to do.
- **My ethics on the job are separate.** Yeah, I know the Bible says not to lie, but this is what everyone does and it will cause 'mafan' if I do what King Jesus says.



Jesus said in **Luke 6:46**, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’ and not do what I tell you?”

And **Luke 9:23**, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**, ‘You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.’

So, here’s some final questions for us.

**Is Jesus your King or just your Savior?  
Do you embrace him as your Savior while rejecting  
his rule over your daily affairs?**

You see, we need Jesus to reign as King over us. The Bible is clear from Genesis to Revelation, that when we self-rule, we make a mess out of everything.

So in fact, God has given us a great gift. He’s given us a King. A powerful, perfect, righteous, holy, gracious, merciful, wise and humble King.

Who’s on the throne of your life? You or King Jesus?