

“Where Is He Who Has Been Born King Of The Jews”

Matthew 2:1-6

“God with Us”

The gospel of Matthew stands at the portal of New Testament narrative. The significance of this is providential. It is a book of fulfilled expectation. It culminates much Old Testament thought. It forms for the reader a logical bridge connecting the field of foresight with the reality of fulfillment. It is a historical narrative providing for the reader the birth, life and death of our blessed Lord. A casual examination reveals a consistent Old Testament reference point. Though neither the time, author, or audience are directly identified it becomes evident through the bulk of material as to the targeted audience as well as his purpose in writing.

Consider with me the four statements inside of Matthew’s Gospel that speak of our Lord’s kingship:

- First, Herod’s probing question (Matthew 2:2)
- Second, Pilates’ sticky dilemma (Matthew 27:11)
- Third, The Soldiers mocking declaration (Matthew 27:29)
- Fourth, His final epitaph (Matthew 27:37)

There is no question that Matthew’s record sets forth Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. What are we to make of our Lord’s kingship? What does this mean for us? There are three statements concerning His kingship that will help us appreciate the celebration of this seasonal event.

- I. Jesus is not a king, but THE KING (Philippians 2:9-11, Revelation 19:16).

He is not one of many, but one of a kind. There is nothing created that equals Him in His position as THE KING. Listen carefully to the following passages.

This text tells us that Jesus Christ has been “Highly exalted” by the Father. He has been raised above all others by the Father.

- II. There is nothing created that falls outside of His realm (Philippians 2:9-11).

Not only is Jesus Christ Lord over all things inanimate, He is equally Lord over all things animate.

All people, everywhere, at all times, are His subjects. Before Him all that is created will bow down and worship. Listen carefully to the text in Isaiah 45:20-25 on which the statements of Romans 14:11 and Philippians 2:9-11 are built.

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All of creation will one day bow before Him and until that day idolatry exists. I believe it is a legitimate question to ask, "What is idolatry?" Idolatry is the worship of icon, images, or anything which is not God. Thus, idolatry is the worship of false gods.

III. As the absolute king, He has been invested with all authority (Matthew 28:18).

As King, He has all authority to do as He pleases with what is His. Tragically, we often find ourselves resisting what God is choosing to do in us and through us to those around us.

APPLICATION (Making the transfer)

The question asked of the three magi and made much of throughout Matthew's Gospel is still being asked today, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?" Today, we celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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