Christmas Means
It’s Kingdom Time

December 8, 2019
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- Christmas Carols Theme: Jesus Christ, The King
- O Come All Ye Faithful

Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels;
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• **Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)**  
  (1) After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem (2) and asked, "*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.*"  
  (3) When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.  
  (4) When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born
• (5) "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: (6) "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

(7) Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. (8) He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
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• (9) After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. (10) When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. (11) On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (12) And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.
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HE HAS COME AS A KING:
• A King In The Royal Line
• A King With A Supernatural Mission
• A King Who Is Sought After
• A King Who Evokes A Response
• A King Who Fulfills Prophecy
• A King To Be Worshipped
• A King With A Kingdom
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• (Mark 1:14-15 NIV) After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. (15) "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

• It’s Kingdom Time! – The Time Has Come!
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The Time Has Come For

• The Messiah To Be Revealed
• People To Know God Personally
• The Full Demonstration Of God's Power
• The New Covenant
• The Building Of The Church
• The Evangelization Of The World
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The King Is Here

• A Kingdom Implies A King
  Our King Is Jesus
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• God's Kingdom Is Seen In The Lives Of All Who Repent And Believe The Gospel

• It Is The Spiritual Power Of His Kingdom Which Asserts Itself Against The Dominion Of Satan, And Sin, And Evil

• It Is A Powerful And Forceful Entity In The Spiritual Realm
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• His Kingdom Has Both A Present And Future Aspect

• It Is A Reality Today

• God's Rule And Power Will Be Fully Realized In The Future
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People Must Repent & Believe The Good News

• **Response #1 To The King & His Kingdom:** REPENT

• **Repentance:** Is A Main Theme Of The Bible
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• Repentance = "A Change Of Mind."

• A Change Of Mind In Respect To Sin

• True Repentance = A Person Has Come, Not Only To Be Sorry For The Consequences Of Their Sin, But To Hate That Sin Itself!
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• Response #2 To The King & His Kingdom: BELIEVE

• To Believe In The Good News Is To Take Jesus At His Word

• "To Believe Means -- That Which Sounds Too Good To Be True -- Really Is True."
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• The Good News Is This: "God Has Acted To Save The Perishing Human Race."

• Gospel = "Good News"
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THE GOSPEL IS:
• (Good News) Of Truth
• (Good News) Of Hope
• (Good News) Of Promise
• (Good News) Of Immortality
• (Good News) Of Peace
• (Good News) Of Salvation
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- Salvation = The Power To Live Life Victoriously
- Salvation = The Power To Conquer Sin
- The Gospel Message Of Jesus Is Good News Indeed
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• **Response #3 To The King & His Kingdom:** TELL SOMEONE!

• (Mark 1:16-18 NIV) (16) As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. (17) "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (18) At once they left their nets and followed him.

• **Jesus Has Called Us For A Purpose -- To Become Fishers Of Men**
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• You Shall Catch Men = Greek: ‘Zogreo’ = Taken Alive, Captured (Luke 5:10)

• The Call To Follow Christ Is About Fishing For People

• Many People Are Trapped in Despair – Our Job is to Capture & Rescue Them from Sure Destruction
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Fishing (Like Soul-Winning) Requires:

• Patience
• Skill
• Discernment
• Persistence
• Quietness
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• “We become fishers of men by following Christ. The more like Him we are, the more successful we will be in winning others to Him. Our responsibility is to follow Him; He will take care of the rest.”

  Believer’s Bible Commentary

• Jesus Wants Us To Take Seriously The Call To Be Fishers Of Men.
• We Are Called To Be Goodwill Ambassadors For Jesus’ Kingdom
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• *The Time Of Decision Has Come*

• To Believe In The Good News Means To Believe In Jesus!

• *He Is The Messiah! He Is The Son Of God!***
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• By Repenting And Believing The Good News We Can Enter Into And Receive A Gift: The Kingdom Of God

• We Are Called On To Repent And Believe In The Gospel.

• To Be Eligible To Enter The Kingdom, We Must Do An About-Face Regarding Sin and Believe The Good News Concerning Jesus