

## THE PROMISE

Jesus is our King  
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### Open in Prayer

Advent is a season for remembering and rejoicing, watching and waiting, and a time to reflect upon the promises of God fulfilled in the coming of Christ Jesus.

1. What were the roles of a king in the Old Testament?
  - Rule his people
  - Reign over his kingdom
  - Care for his people
  - Protect his people
  - Conquer his enemies
2. Read Matt 2:1-6
  - How does Jesus fulfill these roles as *our* King? Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKsN-AeqJPO> (“That’s my King” by Dr. M.S. Lockridge)
  - Do you trust Him as your King? Will you follow your King? What does a king do? With the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, King Jesus is directly connected to each of us who know and follow Him. This is a game changer!
  - Christmas is the in-breaking of God’s Kingdom on earth. Who would have thought the King of Kings and Lord of Lords would come into time and space as a baby?
  - Our first introduction to Jesus is as a baby. No other Kings were announced like this! Most kings are introduced at their crowning. All the power of the universe was in the finger of an infant. The Kingdom of God is at hand!
3. Read Revelation 19:16; I Samuel 8:4-9 CSB
  - Who was the King of Israel?
  - What did the people want?
  - Do you recognize that you, too, have the same King as Israel had? At times, do you want to serve another king, like the OT people of God?
4. Jesus is the King of Kings, and those who have allegiance to Him are a kingdom of priests. We’re saved NOT just to “get to Heaven,” but to do what, right now in the world?  
Read Revelation 1:5-6 and Romans 5:9 CSB
  - From what has Jesus set us free?
  - What brought us into His Kingdom?
  - How does this text speak to Moses and the Exodus?
  - What did Jesus save us to be?
  - What is our mission?

## Kingship

- Read I John 2:15-17 CSB
  - According to this Scripture, what does the Bible mean by “the world?”
  - How does verse 16 help us understand our hearts?
  - Verse 17 informs us that we will have hard times. The Christian life is not always easy and we should be different than others. What is our hope?

## Indwelling Spirit

- Read Romans 8:11 and I John 4:4 CSB
  - Where do we get our power to do anything?
  - When we walk and minister in the Spirit, who is doing the work?
  - When we walk and minister in the flesh, who is doing the work?
  - Which is more powerful? Eternal?

## New Passion

- Read John 13: 4-5 CSB. In this text, Jesus washed His disciple’s feet. Kings didn’t wash the feet of others – their feet were washed by slaves and servants.
- Read Matthew 5:44-45 and Mark 10:35-45 CSB
  - Our new passion changes from “me” to whom?
  - Whom are we to love and serve?
  - How? (we’re to love, value, and serve all mankind).

Go on mission with the King – this King who came as a baby, grew up to live a life of humility and grace, and to serve, love, provide for and protect people with His life. This King serves us, loves us, gives to us, and protects us. This King came to gather His church through you and me. This is the King’s mission – this is our mission!

- Read Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; and Matthew 25:31-46 CSB
  - What is our mission as we walk with our King?

Soul-tattoo:

1. Invite someone to one of our four Christmas services.  
(December 23 at 8, 9:15, 10:30, & 11:45am)
2. Pray daily over the 5-year plan.
3. Participate in the Advent reading on the TC App.