



INTRODUCTION

Part 3 - The Kings: David and Jesus

Has curiosity ever gotten the best of you, and you secretly opened a Christmas present early to see what you were going to get...only to rewrap it and pretend you were surprised at Christmas?

Though the Christmas story—as it is “unwrapped” in the gospels—contains many surprises, the Old Testament believers should not have been surprised. God had not only revealed his “Christmas plan” through words (prophecies), but He also revealed it through stories. **Repackaged** looks at three Old Testament stories that point to God’s greatest gift of all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think most people believe the Christmas story? Explain your answer. What aspects of the story might be the most difficult to believe?
2. If you believe the Christmas story is true (the incarnation, the angels, the Magi, the shepherds, etc), why do you believe it’s true? Why does it matter whether it is true or not?
3. If you were at Chestnut Ridge Church the past few weeks, in what ways was Jesus like Adam? How was he similar to Moses? How about David? In what ways was he different than Adam, Moses or David?
4. Read Genesis 49:10-11; 2 Samuel 7:8-13; Zechariah 9:9 and Luke 1:29-33. In what ways are all these prophecies related?
5. Read Luke 2:1-6. What do you think it was like for Mary and Joseph to have to travel to Bethlehem so close to the birth of Jesus? Do you think they understood the significance of the location for the birth of their child?
6. Read Matthew 2:1-6. Why was it essential the child be born in Bethlehem?
7. We don’t have kings ruling our country. Some countries have kings, but they are merely figureheads. What do you think the difference would have been between a king in Bible times and a president of a country today? Read Philippians 2:10-11. Why is it important that we view Jesus as king?
8. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

God left clues in the Old Testament—in the form of prophecies—and revealed His plan to send His Son into the world to become our spiritual deliverer. The true stories and accounts God chose to include in the pages of the Bible were purposefully included in the Old Testament to point to Jesus. If we have eyes to see it, there is a trail that leads right to Christ.

There is a connection between Israel’s most beloved king, King David, and Jesus:

- Both were born in Bethlehem
- Both were shepherds
- Both were kings
- Both experienced rejection

Repackaged has been a series about some of what God has said and shown ahead of time relating to Jesus and what was still to come through Him. *Are we willing to bow before Jesus in worship as the Magi did? Are we willing to let Jesus reign in our life? Do we see that God wants us to be a part of Christ’s kingdom?*

We should turn to Jesus to be our savior and king. In faith, we can come to understand and believe that Jesus is a king, and He is the One who will reign forever. In faith, we can know that there will be a time when we will have the privilege of reigning with Him in an eternal kingdom—one which will endure forever, too.

KEY VERSES

Romans 5:19	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1-6	1 Samuel 17:28-29
Deuteronomy 18:15	Luke 2:1-6	2 Samuel 7:8-13, 16	Psalms 118:22
Genesis 49:10-11	John 10:14-15	Zechariah 9:9	1 Peter 2:7
1 Samuel 16:1	2 Samuel 5:4	Luke 1:29-33	Philippians 2:10-11