

Summary

This sermon explores Jesus Christ as the ultimate King, tracing His royal lineage from King David through the genealogy in Matthew 1. The pastor examines God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16, showing how this prophecy had both immediate fulfillment in Solomon and ultimate fulfillment in Jesus. While earthly kings and coronations require great expense and fanfare, Jesus was born humbly in a stable yet is the true King of Kings. The message emphasizes three key truths: the King has come (Jesus' first advent at Christmas), the King will come again (His second coming), and each person must decide what to do with this King - whether to acknowledge Him intellectually, reject Him, or surrender to Him as Lord and Savior.

The sermon concludes with a call to surrender, recognizing that while Americans value independence, God calls us to become willing subjects of King Jesus. This surrender leads to transformation and citizenship in God's kingdom, where Jesus reigns as both fully God and fully man, descended from David's royal line yet perfect in every way.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today grateful for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our King. As we gather to study Your Word and discuss what it means for Jesus to be our King, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us today. Help us to be receptive to Your Spirit's leading and to encourage one another as we grow in our understanding of Your truth. May this time together draw us closer to You and to each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's the most elaborate celebration or ceremony you've ever attended, and what made it memorable?

Key Verses

1. 2 Samuel 7:12-16
2. Matthew 1:1-6
3. Luke 1:32-33
4. Revelation 11:15

Questions

1. How does comparing Jesus' humble birth to King Charles III's elaborate coronation help us understand the nature of Christ's kingship?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is King both by virtue of being fully God and fully man? Why are both aspects important?
3. Looking at the genealogy in Matthew 1, what does God's preservation of David's royal line through imperfect and obscure people teach us about His faithfulness?

4. The sermon mentions that biblical prophecies often have dual meanings - immediate and ultimate fulfillment. How does this apply to God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7?
5. What are the three different responses to King Jesus mentioned in the sermon, and which one resonates most with your own experience?
6. The pastor mentions people who 'acknowledge Jesus as king but aren't ready to trust him as their king.' What might hold someone back from full surrender?
7. How does the promise of Jesus' second coming provide hope in the midst of current world events and personal struggles?
8. What does it mean practically to live as a 'subject' of King Jesus in our daily lives, especially in a culture that values independence?

Life Application

This week, identify one specific area of your life where you struggle to let Jesus be King. Pray daily about surrendering that area to His lordship, and take one concrete step to align that area with His will and authority over your life.

Key Takeaways

1. Jesus is King both by virtue of being fully God and through His royal lineage as a descendant of King David
2. God's promise to David in 2 Samuel 7 was fulfilled immediately in Solomon but ultimately in Jesus Christ
3. At Christmas we celebrate that the King has come, and we anticipate that the King will come again
4. Every person must decide what to do with King Jesus - acknowledge, reject, or surrender to Him
5. True citizenship in God's kingdom requires voluntary surrender to Jesus as Lord and King of our lives

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank You for being our King - not a distant ruler, but one who came humbly to earth and understands our struggles. Help us to live as faithful subjects of Your kingdom this week, surrendering every area of our lives to Your loving authority. For those still wrestling with full surrender, give them courage to trust You completely. May we live with the hope of Your return when all wrongs will be made right and Your kingdom will be fully established. Until that day, help us to faithfully represent You as citizens of Your eternal kingdom. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.