

# The Promised King Has Come!

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In thinking about Christmas that's just round the corner  
I wonder "Will we get it right?"  
What's the significance? What really happened?  
When a virgin gave birth on that night

See the baby she bore though he looked like all others  
Was certainly not the same  
He was sent by the Father with a mission to save  
And Jesus was his name

But while many will huddle 'round tables and trees  
This Christmas to read of his birth  
The story begins quite a long time before  
When Yahweh created the earth

So in order to tell you why Christmas is important  
Rather than starting where you may anticipate  
I must first begin with the problem we have  
Of sin and where it originates

For just at the moment sin entered the world  
So did the curse on creation  
But a promise to Eve of her offspring to come  
Who would bring about restoration

But the promise God made to send forth a savior  
Did not stop there with Eve  
In Genesis 12, 15, 17, 22  
This redeemer will be Abraham's seed

Then from Judah will come a king like no other  
To whom the scepter belongs  
God brings him out of Egypt and raises him up  
As proclaimed in Balaam's song

And this king will be more says Deuteronomy 18  
Though it's a passage that many are missin'  
Cause the king that they longed for will be also a  
prophet  
The one to whom they are to listen

Then though Joshua brings Israel into the land  
He cannot provide them rest  
Cause the son promised to David, some 400 years later  
Is the one who'll provide rest the best

So in the remainder of the books that we call historical  
We wonder, "Is this king our guy?"  
But though some kings of Judah do right in God's eyes  
They all fail and eventually die

In the wisdom and poetry books one can see  
Many more passages looking for him  
And the prophets continue this hopeful approach  
Though the outlook was often quite dim

I could go on all day about Old Testament texts  
That point us to God's promised Son  
But here I'll be brief, give just a few key examples  
To show you that he is the one

Psalm 2 and 110, he's the king and the priest  
The one kings and nations must praise  
And in 72 he will bless all the nations  
And the Lord will lengthen his days

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Twelve  
Have much to say to one who's observant  
He's the child, the judge, the branch of David, the  
shepherd  
But he's also the suffering servant

Yet they go into exile for 70 years  
Before returning home  
And though they are back in the land God had promised  
The conquering king has not come

Silence.....  
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400 years the Lord had nothing to say  
Until he brought forth a prophet named John to prepare  
the way

And a young Jewish virgin received startling news  
About a child she would bear who was king of the Jews

Then all in a rush we see Scripture fulfilled  
The Son of God sent, the king revealed

Son of Abraham and David, the king of the earth  
Hailed by shepherds then wise men, the king from his  
birth

Open your Bible, turn to Matthew 1&2  
And look at his list of what the prophets foreknew

He was born of a virgin as Isaiah 7 proclaims  
In Bethlehem, the place Micah 5:2 names

God calls him out of Egypt, Hosea 11, but wait  
He also looks back to the king in Numbers 24:8

But Herod so jealous kills all boys under two in the  
nation  
Stirring echoes of Jeremiah 31 and Rachel's loud  
lamentation

Then one more fulfillment, seemingly out of place in v.  
23  
The claim that this king shall be called a Nazarene

But by looking at the Hebrew word *netzer*, we see  
That Matthew means the branch of Isaiah 11:1b

We see Jesus all over the New Testament pages  
Fulfilling what was spoken by the prophets through the  
ages

There's just a few more examples I'd like to impart  
But as I do so I ask you to examine your heart

What place does this king have in your life? I ask you to  
consider  
Because what he did for you demands more than  
following him on Twitter

So here it goes, my gospel presentation  
While rhyming the message of Mark to Revelation

The same wisdom in Proverbs 8 active in creation  
Was the Word in John 1 and the Son in Colossians

Hebrews 1 declares he's the image, the imprint  
Of the invisible God, become man, heaven-sent

Though the Lord of creation at the Father's right hand  
He humbled himself in becoming a man

The Word from eternity taking on flesh  
And dwelling among us though this world's a mess

Think about how the one John called God's lamb  
Is the Lion of Judah, the Great I AM

Gave up his lifestyle, divine though it was  
Becoming a servant and dying, for us

Yet he rose from the dead, he couldn't be held by the  
grave  
And with his resurrection, shown mighty to save

Now he's been given a name above any other  
Yet still condescends to call sinners his brother

Provided they trust him as Savior and Lord  
By repenting of sin and trusting his word

It requires faith, being led by the Spirit  
Then God grants salvation to those with ears to hear it

And though he has come the first time to save  
He will come again to judge at the end of days

He'll establish his kingdom, do justice on earth  
And all of his people will ascribe him his worth

So this Christmas instead of just playing some tunes  
About Rudolf and Frosty and dads in Santa costumes

How about we think on the most gracious treasure  
Ever given to man by quite a long measure

For the gift of the Son, our example and savior  
Our Lord and Redeemer become baby in a manger

So let us raise our voice with the angelic host  
To the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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