

Let Us Celebrate, The King Has Come: Part 1- Jesus, The Great King

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a favourite Christmas song?
2. Do you open any presents on Christmas Eve?

WORD

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

*26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 **He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.**" 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

The greatness of a person is the ability, quality or eminence considerably above average ie Alexander the Great.

In world history, a king, ruler or emperor is acknowledged as great because of their achievements particularly the extent of their kingdom or dominion. The territories, lands, nations that they conquered and ruler over.

In sports, greatness is measured by an athlete's record of championship, achievements, and victories.

But Jesus was not born and yet declared by angel Gabriel that He is going to be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

DISCUSSION

Describe a time in your life when God revealed to you that He is your Great King and there's no other. What happened and how did you respond?

WORD

Luke 1:32-33

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The great King, the Son of the Most High will reign forever. Gabriel goes on to speak of him as the recipient of the throne of his father David. The Messiah was expected to come from David's line (Psalm 89:29). His reign in His Kingdom will never end. It is not a temporal earthly kingdom, but an eternal kingly rule in heaven and on earth. David's earthly dynasty ended four centuries after his reign, but Jesus Christ, a direct descendant of David, was the ultimate fulfillment of this promise (Acts 2:22-36). Christ will reign for eternity-now in his spiritual Kingdom and in heaven, and later, on earth, in the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21)

In Daniel 7:13-14, we can be confident and secure as we follow our King who reigns forever. His reign is stable, secure and will not be overthrown by a rebellion.

DISCUSSION

Have we submitted every area of our lives to God our King? Have we surrendered our time, money, resources, our bodies, and everything that we do, say, or think to Him?

LIFE APPLICATION

God wants to use one of us to accomplish His great plan and purpose on earth. And He can only use us if we will be ready, willing, available to submit and obey what He wants us to do.

As we submit to God's plan and serve Him as a Great King, we can trust our desires. Our assignment is found at the intersection of God's plan and our pleasures (Max Lucado)

Nothing is impossible with God when we submit our lives to King Jesus who reigns forever.

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Revelation 19:16

And He has a name written on His robe and on His thigh: KING OF KINGS and LORD of LORDS.

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.

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