

Jesus the King, not the Baby

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Jesus was born into this world to be our Savior and Lord. *“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins”* (Matt. 1:21). The birth of baby Jesus would be meaningless if He had not grown up, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for the sins of the world!

Yet every December the world wants to worship *baby* Jesus -- born in Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes, placed in a manger because there was no room in the inn, with shepherds in the field watching their flocks by night (Lk. 2:4-8). Yes, all of this is true, wonderful and amazing! But **why**?

When the angel of the LORD appeared to the shepherds he said to them: *“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord”* (Lk. 2:10-11). Focus on those key words for a moment: **Savior, Christ, Lord**. If you never think past the baby in the manger, then you will never come to the saving faith concerning Jesus of Nazareth!

Jesus came to **save** us from our sins -- *have you been saved from yours?*

Jesus came to be the **Christ**, or Messiah, the King of Israel. When He died on the cross, Pilate placed the inscription: “King of the Jews” (Lk. 23:35-38). But in reality, He is King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:14-16)! Jesus admitted to being the Christ, the Messiah of Israel, the King of the Jews (Matt. 27:11; Mk. 15:2; Lk. 23:3). What does this mean? When Jesus died and rose from the dead on the third day, showed Himself alive again by many infallible proofs (Acts 1:3), He ascended into heaven where He was crowned King of kings by the Ancient of Days (God the Father) (Acts 1:9-10; Dan. 7:13-14). He now sits on the throne of David in heaven (Acts 2:30, 36) and reigns as the Christ! *Is Jesus your King as you are subject to His rule?*

Jesus came to be Lord, and indeed is the Lord over all the earth (1 Tim. 6:14-16). He reigns over His church (Eph. 1:22-23), and He reigns as well over all principality, power, might and dominion (Eph. 1:21). *Is He the Lord of your life?*

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