

The Birth of the King

Matt. 2:1-2

Introduction:

- A. The “king of the Jews” was born in Bethlehem in days of Herod the king.
 - 1. King of kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 17:14)
 - 2. Of his kingdom there shall be no end (Luke 1:33; cf. Dan. 2:44)
- B. There are two important things to know about any king – especially this king.
 - 1. His pedigree – to establish his right to the throne.
 - 2. His purpose – to establish his right to be followed.

Discussion:

I. This King’s Pedigree.

- A. “The Son of David, the son of Abraham” (1:1)
 - 1. Abraham (Gen. 12:3)
 - 2. David (Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:4-5; Psa. 132:11)
- B. The son of a virgin – Mary (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:25; Luke 1:31-35)
 - 1. If merely a “young woman” as in RSV - no sign.
 - 2. If not a virgin, it puts Bible characters in a bad light.
 - a. Did Mary lie? (Lk. 1:34)
 - b. Did Matthew and Luke falsify the report?
 - (1) If ignorantly it was irresponsible reporting.
 - (2) If wilfully they should be censured.
 - (3) If deluded they are to be pitied.
 - 3. She was not a “perpetual virgin” (Matt. 1:25; John 2:12)
 - 4. She was great woman, but not an object of worship.
 - a. A woman of great faith (Luke 1:34-38, 45)
 - b. A woman in need of a savior (Luke 1:46-47)
- C. The son of a Carpenter? (Mark 6:3)
 - 1. Only as it was supposed (Lk. 3:23)
 - 2. A just man (Matt. 1:19)
 - 3. An obedient man (Matt. 1:24) – What faith!

II. This King’s Purpose.

- A. To save from sin (Matt. 1:21)
 - 1. Not from poverty (Mk. 14:7)
 - 2. Not from political oppression (John 18:36)
 - 3. Not from physical suffering.
 - 4. Not from temporal consequences of sin.
 - 5. Conditional salvation (John 8:24)
 - a. As alien sinner (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38)
 - b. As sinning Christians (1 John 1:8-2:1)
- B. To inherit David throne (Lk. 1:31-33).
 - 1. Has done that (Acts 2:25-36)
 - 2. He continues to reign (1 Cor. 15:23-28)

Conclusion:

- A. Jesus is the only name by which you can be saved (Acts 4:12)
- B. Jesus has every right to the throne of David.
- C. Have you accepted Jesus as both your savior and king?