

KINGDOM: Recognize

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Recognize Jesus is a Different Kind of King.

Matthew 1:

- His lineage was different:
- His conception was different:

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18 NLT

Matthew 2:

- His Birth was different:

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2 NLT

Matthew 3:

- His proclamation & coronation were different.

Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Matthew 3:2 NLT

John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. Matthew 3:5 NLT

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." Matthew 3:16-17 NLT

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.³ During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " Matthew 4:1-4 NLT

Jesus is a King Who Goes Without

Eve: She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. Genesis 3:6 NLT

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Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple,⁶ and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.' " ⁷ Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.' " Matthew 4:5-7 NLT

Jesus is a King Who isn't About Himself

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Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him the kingdoms of the world and all their glory.⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."¹⁰ "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.' " ¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus. Matthew 4:8-11 NLT

Jesus is a King Who Serves God

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Jesus is a Different Kind of King:

- He chose spiritual fulfillment over physical fulfillment.
- He chose humility over pride.
- He chose service and submission over power.

Recognize We All Submit to Authority

What authorities are you serving?

Scriptures & God the Father are two healthy authorities for our lives.

From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." Matthew 4:17