## Birth of a King

The Day After Christmas: Part 1

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On that night, a \_\_\_\_\_\_had been secreted into the world

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus.

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Luke 1:30-33

Is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ King?

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born.

Matthew 2:1-4

Messiah = Christ = The \_\_\_\_\_One

## When a king is born, people must \_\_\_\_\_

"I wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realize what it will be like when He does. When that happens, it is the end of the world. When the author walks on to the stage, the play is over."

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 1:8; 21:6; 22:13

All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created

John 1:3

All things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and by Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:16-17

...keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

"God is going to invade, all right: what is the good of saying you are on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream and something else – something it never entered your head to conceive – comes crashing in; something so beautiful to some of us, and so terrible to others that none of us will have any choice left?

"For this time it will be God without disguise. Something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side. There is no use saying you choose to lie down when it has become impossible to stand up. That will not be the time for choosing: it will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen whether we realized it before or not.

"Now, today, this moment is our chance to 'choose'. God is holding back to give us that chance. It will not last forever. We must take it or leave it."

C. S. Lewis