

FAITHFUL TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Matthew 2

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INTRODUCTION: THE KING NO ONE WAS EXPECTING

God often works in unexpected ways.

Matthew 1, Matthew proved that Jesus was legally in the line of David, and so heir to the throne.

Matthew 2, Matthew introduces the kind of King that Jesus came to be.

Proposition: Christ came as a different kind of King to expose the hearts of people, both the faithful and unfaithful.

I. THE SHEPHERD KING

A. THE PROPHECY

Matthew 2:5, 6

Micah 5:2

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

2 Samuel 5:2

"Previously, when Saul was king over us, you [David] were the one who led Israel out and in. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.'"

1. Saul: A King The Nations Desired

2. David Was A Shepherd

Psalm 78:70-72

He also chose David His servant And took him from the sheepfolds; From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them with his skillful hands.

B. CHRIST CAME AS A SHEPHERD

Ezekiel 34:12-16

The word "shepherd" is used four times Matthew. Each time it is in reference to Jesus.

1. The Shepherd King Cares

Matthew 9:36

Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

2. The Shepherd King Discerns

Matthew 25:32, 33

All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

3. The Shepherd King Unites And Leads

Matthew 26:31

Then Jesus *said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.' ..."

II. STILL THE KING TO BE WORSHIPPED

A. REJECTED BY HIS PEOPLE

B. WORSHIPPED BY NATIONS

CONCLUSION THE UNEXPECTED KING

Matthew 11:28-30

John 1:10-13

Passage	Prophecy	Location	Person	Earthly King in contrast	King Jesus
Matthew 2:6, 7	Micah 5:2; 2 Samuel 5:1-4	Bethlehem	David	Saul -a king like the nations	Shepherd
Matthew 2:15	Hosea 11:1	Egypt	My Son	Pharaoh/King of Assyria -enslaving kings	Redeemer
Matthew 2:18	Jeremiah 31:15	Ramah	Rachel	Nebuchadnezzar/Herod -brutal kings	Comforter
Matthew 2:23	He shall be called a Nazarene	Nazareth	Nazarene	Archelaus -a king to be feared	Common