



# WORD

## WHAT

What does the Bible say?

... God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords ...

1 Timothy 6:15

Many claim to worship and serve Jesus, but they don't really know the real Jesus of the Bible. Paul referred to Jesus as the "only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords." Notice that Jesus is said to be simultaneously all three roles mentioned. Jesus received all authority after His resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:18; Romans 1:4). Jesus is also known to be Lord, the One who has authority and who must be obeyed (Luke 6:46). Let us learn more about who Jesus is.

- The Kingship of Jesus was confirmed through prophecy.**

*<sup>5</sup>"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.*

Jeremiah 23:5,6

Many prophecies tell that Jesus will be King (Jeremiah 23:5,6; Isaiah 9:6; Daniel 2:44; Micah 5:2). These prophecies are like promises and give the assurance that God knows His people's situation. This also means that God has already planned to meet our greatest need. How does this truth help you trust God and His Word more?

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- The King was born and lived on earth.**

*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*

Luke 2:11

Mary did not know that the child she was carrying would be King. The angel Gabriel explained to her who the Child would be (Luke 1:26-35). The King of heaven came to earth as a man to serve and shepherd His people (Matthew 2:6). He came to save us from darkness (Colossians 1:13) and

sin (Matthew 20:28). Why can we trust Jesus as our King? What has He done that other kings could not do?

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- The King is now reigning.**

*<sup>32</sup>"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."*

Luke 1:32,33

Peter boldly told the people in Acts 2:32,33 that Jesus already reigns as King and His kingdom will last forever. He not only reigns as King—He also serves our High Priest who continues to come to God the Father on our behalf (Zechariah 6:12,13; Hebrews 4:14-16). He did not leave us hopeless. In view of Jesus being King, how should we respond to Him (Luke 19:14,27)?

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## SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- What makes you trust God's prophecies and promises?
- How can a new perspective of Jesus' birth strengthen your faith?
- In what way can knowing that Jesus reigns give you peace of mind?

## NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- Encourage someone this week by assuring him or her that God is faithful in keeping His promises.
- Because the Father gave the greatest gift, we now celebrate Christmas. What can you do this season to bless the people around you?
- Act on a command from the Bible, which you believe God wants you to do immediately. What steps can you start in the next few days to do this?