

WHAT KIND OF KING WAS HE? - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Israel was waiting for a King who would rule on the throne of David in perfect power. After David's rule, a long line of kings succeeded him and ruled on his throne. But none of them fit the bill as one Perfect King who would rule and reign forever.

- Read 1 Kings 2:1-4; Psalm 132:11; 1 Kings 8:25; 2 Chronicles 6:16; 1 Kings 6:11-12; 1 Kings 9:2-7; 1 Chronicles 28:6.

- Was Jesus just set up to be another king in the long line of successors to the throne of David? Read Luke 1:32-33. What was different about this proclamation about Jesus as opposed to the other promises from the verses above?

- Consider how the promise in each of these verses includes conditions for their endurance. Why is it important that Jesus be the one who rules as King forever? Are there any conditions placed on Jesus' rule like there were for the other kings of Israel (Read Acts 2:29-30 and Hebrews 1:8 for help)

- What does this reveal about the character of God in fulfilling His promises?

There was only a very small group of people mentioned in Scripture who seemed to be actively waiting for Jesus' arrival in his birth, or seeking him out once they heard that he had come. The shepherds came after an angelic visit; the magi sought him when they saw his star; Simeon and Anna were overjoyed when they saw him in the temple.

- Why were so few people interested in or aware of Jesus' birth?

