

Christmas Is the Story of a King

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, for this is what the prophet has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"
(Matthew 2:1-6, NIV)

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When the King was born,
Caesar Augustus was Emperor of Rome.
He ruled the world
 with great power and
 vast military might.
But he died in 14 A.D.,
 and his kingdom passed to another.

Herod the Great was King of Judea.
He ruled with
 violence and
 cruel jealousy.
He tried to kill the Child King.
The Child lived,
but Herod died,
and his power died with him.

The Child King was
 Lord of the Universe,
 Almighty God.
He ruled
 with humility and self-sacrifice,
 with love and forgiveness.
He faced death
 and destroyed it.

His Kingdom will never end.

Christmas is the story of a King,
and our King forever is
Jesus.

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