



**Series:** The Omnipotent King and His Kingdom Eternal  
**Passage:** Matthew 1:1-2:18  
**Title:** The Birth of King Jesus  
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**Discussion Starter** – Why is it hard to think of Christmas and celebration of the birth of Jesus from a viewpoint of Him being the Omnipotent Eternal King?

Read Matthew 1:1-2:18

- Why do you think it was so important to Matthew to start out this book with the genealogy of Jesus, calling him the Son of David, the Son of Abraham?
- What does the name Jesus Christ mean? Read John 1:1-4. What important insights do we see revealed about Jesus in the start of the gospel of Jesus by the apostle John?
- What do we learn about Joseph's and Mary's views on premarital courting? What did it mean for Mary to be betrothed to Joseph? Why do you think God's plan for marriage follows this protocol?
- What is the significance of Mary being with child of the Holy Spirit? What prophetic message foretold this event?
- How does Joseph respond to finding out that Mary is pregnant, knowing he had not slept with her? What important things do we see in Joseph's character as a godly man, revealed by what he decides to do with Mary after hearing the news that she was pregnant?
- How does God move in Joseph's life to get him back on board as being Mary's husband and being part of His Kingdom plan?
- What are some of the ways God has moved in your life to get you back on board or redirect your heart to see things in a different way?
- What are some of the important facts we learn about Joseph as he is aroused from his sleep?
- Why do you think the wise men from the east were so interested in visiting the baby Jesus? What was their motivation? How did Herod the king react to their visit? What was his motivation? Read Daniel 2:44, 7:13-14. What insights do we gain from these passages?
- Why do you think that not only Herod the king, but all of Jerusalem were troubled by the visit of the wise men from the east? Read Micah 5:2 Discuss the insights from this prophecy.
- Bethlehem was a poor town in comparison to Jerusalem. Why do you think God chose this place for the King of Kings to be born? What pattern is God establishing for us about Jesus' Kingdom?
- We know that over a year transpired before the wise men and their entourage made the journey to Israel. Describe each of the three gifts they gave Jesus and what was each gift's significance?
- How did Herod respond after he found out that the wise men did not return to let him know the location of Jesus? How does this confirm that Jesus was not a newborn at this time?
- Who do the wise men represent to us today in this story as compared to Herod the king? What does this teach us about Jesus' Kingdom?