

Thursday

Matthew 2:1-23 "Where is the King?"



Observation: "Ah-ha!" What struck you?



Question: What do you not understand?



Application & Prayer: How will I respond?



Conversation: Who can I share this with?

Saturday

Matthew 4:1-25 The Testing of the King



Observation: "Ah-ha!" What struck you?



Question: What do you not understand?



Application & Prayer: How will I respond?



Conversation: Who can I share this with?

Friday

Matthew 3:1-17 Prepare the Way for the King



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Application & Prayer: How will I respond?



Conversation: Who can I share this with?


Sunday


Representative King of a New Creation


The opening chapters of Matthew's gospel account encourage us to see the amazing ways in which God has been aligning the story of His people with the story of His Messiah. He begins with 'the book of the genealogy (or *genesis*) of Jesus Christ'. Take a few moments to think back over Matthew 1-4. What other parallels do you see between the life of Israel in Genesis and Exodus and the life of Jesus?


Monday

Matthew 5:1-16 Citizens of the Kingdom

 Observation: "Ah-ha!" What struck you?


 Question: What do you not understand?


 Application & Prayer: How will I respond?


 Conversation: Who can I share this with?


Tuesday

Matthew 5:17-48 The Law of the Kingdom

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 Application & Prayer: How will I respond?

 Conversation: Who can I share this with?


Lenten Readings


The Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom


Just as we set aside time in the season of Advent to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, we dedicate time in the season of Lent to contemplate our need of the cross, giving thanks for Christ's life and death in preparation for the celebration of His resurrection. Observed in the six weeks leading up to Easter, Lent is modelled on Jesus' time of preparation and testing in the wilderness (40 days + Sundays). This year, we will be reading through Matthew's gospel account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our prayer is that over these six weeks, God would use this time in His Word to prepare us, both as individuals and a community, for the 'good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do' (Ephesians 2:10) as ambassadors of His Kingdom.


Ash Wednesday

Matthew 1:1-25 The Birth of the Promised King

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