



THE COMING

# King



November - December 2021

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## Overview

The King is coming! But a King is not something we usually feel like we're missing. So what's so special about this King and why is he someone worth celebrating? In this series we'll have a look at some Old Testament prophets who speak of a King like no other. The one our souls truly long for and the one our world truly needs. Join us in the build up to Christmas as we get ready to celebrate The Coming King.

## Outline

1. Isaiah 9:1-7
2. Micah 5:1-4

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Week 1 • 28 November 2021 • Isaiah 9:1-7

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1. If you became a king (or queen) and could do anything you want, what is the first decree you'd make?
  
2. As you read Isaiah 9:1-7, what stands out to you as most distinctive about this promised child?
  
3. If you suddenly woke up in a world free from sin and the effects of sin, what would be the first thing you'd notice?
  
4. Shalom (peace) is about wholeness, prosperity and security - it's the world made right. There will always be a tension for us of a lack of shalom until Jesus returns to rule in the way described in Isaiah 9.
  - a. What are you longing for most about Jesus' return?
  
  - b. What are places that you notice a lack of shalom that you can bring to God in prayer together today?

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Week 2 • 5 December 2021 • Micah 5:1-4

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1. Does anyone have a funny sheep story to share?
  
2. Have a look at the following passages and identify some attributes of a shepherd-leader:
  - a. Ezekiel 34:1-7 (implicit in God's criticism of Israel's leaders for not shepherding).
  
  - b. John 10:1-21
  
3. A shepherd is a primary posture of Godly leadership and real-life shepherding was a training ground for leaders like Moses and David.
  - a. Why do you think the posture of a shepherd is important to God in the leadership of His people?



- b. How does it compare to your experience of leaders (or even your own leadership)?
4. Micah 5:4 describes the future reign of Jesus - why do you think it's important that he will be both powerful and a shepherd?
5. What are some practical ways in which you could be more like a shepherd to the people around you?
6. With what you now understand about Jesus as a shepherd, read Psalm 23 together. Pray together about what you notice, asking that our lives together would be more like a flock under the care of Jesus the shepherd.