

God's King is Crowned

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2 Samuel 5:1-5

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An Odd Christmas Text

- 2 Samuel 5 not a normal text for Christmas
- But we find a shepherd boy established as a shepherd king
- This story points us to the true King Jesus - the Great Shepherd
- Jesus was greeted by shepherds^{Lk2:8-11}
- In our text a shepherd is greeted by the people & crowned king

God Works in History

- "then" clues us to the reality of this history
- We got here by starting with Hannah's prayer^{1S2:10}
- Elders of Israel demanded a king like all the nations^{1S8:5}
- Saul quickly rebelled against God's commands^{1S15:9}
- David was chosen by God^{1S16:7} but his life was nothing but smooth
- David learned to "wait upon the Lord"^{Ps37:7}
- Even after Saul killed in battle; rivals rose: Abner; Ish-bosheth
- David didn't seize the kingdom; God brought the people to him^{1,2}
- Coming to God is submitting to His rule, relinquishing our own rule

How the People Came to the King

- We are your bone & flesh - Jesus is human like us. Born of a virgin - fully God, fully man. Our relationship to Jesus defines our identity. WSC Q#22
- We need a victorious king - Saul had failed to lead in victory; David was the victor... Goliath^{1S18:7}. Jesus is our Victor^{1Cor15:56-57}
- It was God's declared plan: the people acknowledged that David was chosen to be shepherd of His people and prince over Israel. It has been God's plan since the foundation of the world to send King Jesus to be our King.
- The Wise Men quoted Micah^{Mt2:5-6} where God told us he would send a Ruler who will Shepherd His People^{Micah5:2}

A Different Kind of King

- David didn't seize the kingdom, he waited until God gave it to him
- David starts by shepherding - making a covenant with them
- David starts by covenanting with people^{1S10:25} like a good king
- The shepherd boy is now king and seated in Jerusalem

Pictures of the Ultimate King

- Narrator tells us David was 30 when he began to reign; Jesus was about 30 when He began earthly ministry
- David's reign was limited⁵... just points to Jesus eternal reign
- David couldn't be the king we need^{1Pet1:24-25; Isa40:6-8}
- Jesus is the king we need - WSC Q#26
- Now we look for the new Jerusalem where Christ will rule^{Rev21:2-4}

Longing for the Perfect King

- David will not be a perfect king...
- None of us want another king, we naturally want to be king^{Ps2:1-2}
- God will respond^{Ps2:4-6} ...
- He has responded Jesus sent to Zion to be the King we need!
- God declared His will: that we look to the Son^{Jn6:40}