

Worship the KING



A Prayer Journey to Bethlehem

Wise men and shepherds made the journey, just to get a glimpse of what the stars and the angels told them had happened. They dropped what they were doing to go and stand in awe, to take it in, to worship. They came to look at a baby, and they saw instead a King: Immanuel—God with us—who trusted Himself into the frail and faulty care of humans so He could be our rescue.

You can take that same journey this Christmas. Each day, on your own, as a family, or as a small group, step aside for a few minutes to worship Him for who He is and what He means to you. Read and meditate upon the Scriptures listed below, reflecting on the many ways a humble birth in Bethlehem changed *everything*. Come to look at the baby and behold the King.

Jesus, we worship You as:

1. The Word. You are the Word made flesh, the Truth who came to dwell among us, and You keep Your Word to us. (Jn. 1:1,14)

2. Creator. Everything we are, everything we have, and everything we enjoy was made by You and for You. (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16)

3. The God-Man. You gave up everything to become like us so You could take our death upon Yourself. (Phil. 2:6-7)

4. Messiah, the promised One. You are the fulfillment of every promise God ever made to us. (Acts 13:23; Ro. 15:8-11)

5. Savior. You have made a way to restore the relationship between us and our Father. (Lk. 2:11; Jn. 3:16, 14:6)

6. Love. You are love, and You express Your love by laying down Your life for us. (Ro. 5:8; Jn. 15:13)

7. Immanuel. You are the God who lived with us, laughed with us, cried with us, and experienced our weakness. (Mt. 1:23; Heb. 4:15)

8. King of kings. There is no name or title in the universe with more authority than Yours. (Eph. 1:19-23; Phil. 2:9-11; Rev. 19:16)

9. Lord of hosts. You are commander in chief of the heavenly hosts who minister to us. (Ps. 24:9-10, *NASB*; Mt. 24:30-31; Heb. 1:14)

10. Worthy. All of heaven declares You worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise forever and ever—and so do we! (Rev. 5:11-13)

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