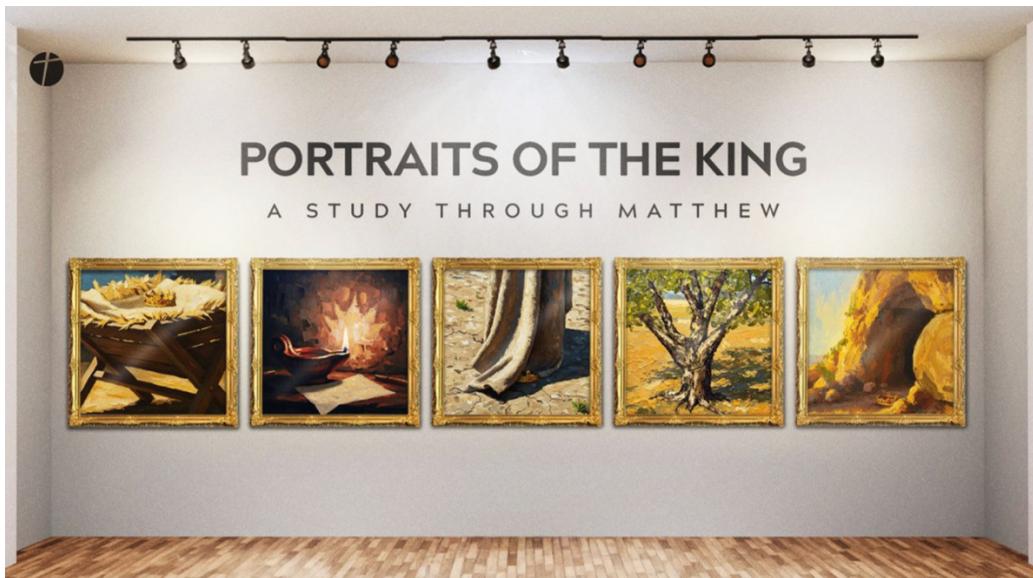


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Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 5

Arrival of the King

“The 3 Cs of Following Jesus”

Matthew 4:18-25 (NIV)

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Following Jesus involves:

I. Obedience to the CALL.

- Biblical discipleship does not begin with understanding-it begins with obedience.
- The call to follow is the call to be in his presence.

II. Willingness to accept the COST.

- The call to follow Jesus has always been a call to drop your nets.
- Following Jesus is not casual, but costly.

Nets to consider dropping in 2026:

1. Net of compromise
2. Net of comparison
3. Net of control
4. Net of comfort

III. Accepting your COMMISSION.

- To follow is to fish.
- Fishing provides you an escape from the temporal and a taste of the eternal.
- Refusing to fish is refusing to grow.
- Being unqualified is a prerequisite for fishing, not a disqualifier.
- We fish because good people don't go to heaven; forgiven people do.

How to FISH:

Find your one.

Initiate a spiritual conversation.

Share your story.

Have an "it is written."

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The One Verse Evangelism video can be found at newvisionlife.com/resources.