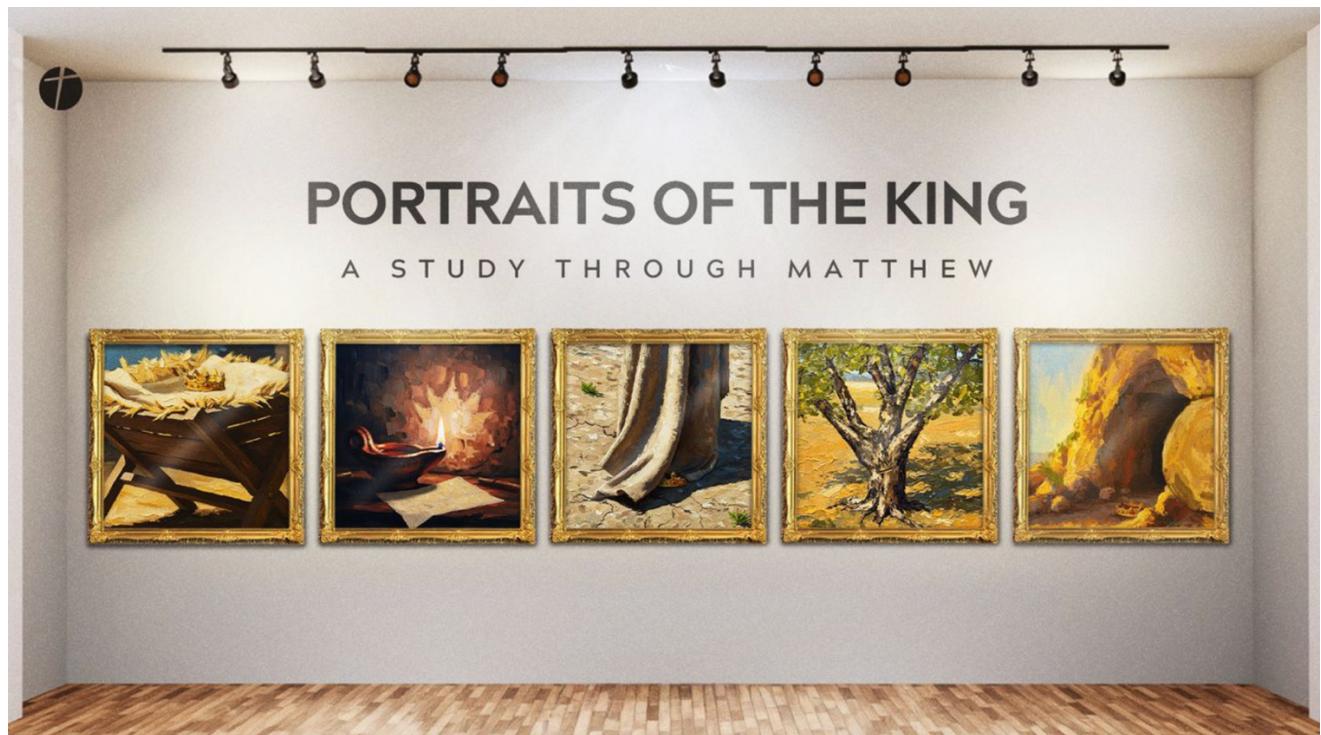


January 15 & 18



Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 6
Teachings of the King
“The Blessed Life”

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Blessed: The state of being truly happy, flourishing and satisfied.

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
 - The blessing of being desperately dependent.
2. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
 - The blessing of being deeply convicted over sin.
3. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
 - The blessing of being fully yielded in submission.
4. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."
 - The blessing of being a new creation with a new insatiable appetite.
5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
 - The blessing of being filled with mercy.
6. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."
 - The blessing of being someone who gets to see God move in miraculous ways.
7. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
 - The blessing of being a bridge builder.
8. "Blessed are those who are persecuted, insulted, and lied about for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
 - The blessing of building a testimony in the midst of trials.