

The King Is Coming: *Five Questions of Christmas* (Luke 1:26-38)

1. In the sermon, we tackled some of the challenges to accepting the truthfulness of the Christmas story. Have you ever wrestled with doubts about the truthfulness of the Bible? Or, are you currently wrestling with doubts?
2. Chris proposed the idea that beneath many doubts about the supernatural is a hidden belief that there is no God, and therefore, the supernatural is not possible. Why is it so important to look beneath the surface to find out what is really going on in our hearts?
3. In the sermon, we learned that many people who reject the supernatural, are actually rejecting the idea that God would impose on their lives. Have you ever wrestled with the idea of giving God control of your life? Do you have someone in your life who may be rejecting God because they are afraid of giving over control of their life to God? Can you think of a way that you could lovingly approach this topic with that person?
4. Luke is very intentional to tell us that Jesus is the long-awaited King. Why is this significant? A major point made in the sermon was that we should prepare to meet the King. What does this preparation look like in your particular context?
5. How does Jesus the King contrast with the popular view of Jesus in American culture?
6. Kings demand allegiance. What does allegiance to Jesus look like in your particular context?
7. The sermon concluded by discussing how Jesus is a good King who lays down his life for his subjects. Why is this so important to emphasize in any discussion about Jesus the King with friends or family who are not yet followers of Jesus?