

CORONATION: The King and His Kingdom
Matthew 3:1-12

This past Sunday, we began a sermon series in the book of Matthew.

Have you previously read or studied Matthew?

Have you previously read or studied about Jesus' life?

Is there anything about Jesus' life that you do not really understand and hope the sermons explain?

In explaining why the King was so important to the Jews, it was discussed how the King was the one who would satisfy the longings that the Jewish people had. It was then discussed how the things for which we long are intended to ultimately propel us to Jesus.

What moments in life make you feel most content and at peace?

Would you agree that most people have longings for things they do not experience? Discuss what that concept/idea/statement means.

What are some unproductive ways that people try to satisfy their longings?

One of the sermon's points about the kingdom was that "the 'kingdom of heaven' does NOT refer to going to heaven when you die and living there as some spiritual being forever."

Do most people you know believe in some form of life after death? If so, what do they believe in?

Have you ever been to a church that taught on "heaven" or life after death?

Where do you think people get their understanding or information about what life after death is like?

Were you surprised to hear that the biblical, eternal hope is that Christians will experience a real bodily resurrection and live for eternity on a redeemed, physical earth?