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The King Has Come!

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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2:1-2

Christmas truly is a most wonderful time of the year because we are reminded that Jesus came, and His coming makes all the difference. God sacrificially blessed the world with the gift of His Son. Many of you sacrificially bless us with your financial gifts, your encouraging words and your prayer support, and we say, **Thank You!**

Merry Christmas from all of us at WFC!

When the Magi asked, “Where is He that is born King of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:2) they asked a good question. And Herod was right to feel threatened by the coming of this King—more right than he knew, because this One who was born was not merely the King of the Jews, but was the very Sovereign King of Kings. In truth, Jesus’s Kingship has implications for every area of life—spiritual, physical, economic, relational and political. The fact that His first advent was not to set up an earthly kingdom does not change the reality that Jesus is King—King over all!

As King, Jesus preached the Kingdom of God and made it clear to all that the most important thing in life is to be rightly related to Him as King, as the Ultimate Authority of the Universe and as the Sovereign Lord. When Jesus preached, He wanted the people to know the Kingdom of God was among them in the Person of the King (Luke 10:9).



As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, it is good to remind ourselves the Savior of the world is also the King of the universe. That is one reason the Magi brought gifts to Him worthy of a King.

We also do well to remember that when we say Jesus is King, we are making a political statement. The title “king” is inherently political. To name Jesus as King is much more than political—and arguably more important than political—but it surely includes the political. That Jesus is King reminds us that all political authority will ultimately give account to Him. Every governmental official who has ever lived or who ever will live is accountable to the King of Glory. It is both right and necessary for us to remind governmental officials that their authority is derived, limited and finite. This kind of

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Pray...

- For our newly elected President and a smooth transition for his administration.
- For President Trump to follow through on promoting policies that will protect life and religious liberty.
- For our recently elected Wisconsin legislators to support policies and legislation that promote marriage, family, life and religious liberty in Wisconsin.
- For the work of Wisconsin Family Council.

Consider this...

As protests and news stories make clear, a lot of people are upset about the election of Mr. Trump as president. Could it be that they are placing too much hope in a candidate for office, or in the government to meet their needs, or both? As Christians, let us be clear in our thinking: government is not our savior. Our hope does not rest in any elected official; and this world is not ultimate. Perhaps the election results are an opportunity for us to remind unbelieving family, friends and acquaintances that the only sure and steadfast hope is found in King Jesus!

reminder is for their own good, but also for the good of the governed.

Because He is also the Creator King, all of creation answers to Him and is owned by Him. This truth has implications for our economics. In a very real sense, we are not the owners of anything, but we are to be good stewards of everything. God's Word has a great deal to teach us about economics, and the people of God should seek to be an effective influence for good relative to policymaking that impacts the economy. Fundamentally, this is a matter of stewardship. Practically, it impacts families and ministry. What God says about economics applies to governments as well as individuals. Economic well-being impacts families and their ability to give, which in turn impacts churches, which in turn impacts missions. Missions is an important reason to care about the economy!

Christians also need to remember we are ambassadors for King Jesus (II Corinthians 5:20). An ambassador is one who represents his country to another country. As citizens of heaven, Christians are called to be ambassadors to our fellow earthly citizens, and that includes those in government. We are responsible for speaking truth to government officials, for reminding them they are responsible to God for how they use their derived authority.

Ultimately King Jesus came to bring reconciliation to this sin-sick planet. His reconciliation doesn't stop with the eternal salvation of lost souls, though that is its crowning glory. His reconciliation extends to all things (Colossians 1:20) which means it has significant implications for government and the political realm.

As we celebrate the birth of The King, and as the year draws to a close, we are wise to reflect on how well we are stewarding all of the King's good gifts to us, including His good gift of allowing us to be citizens in this land. Let us recommit ourselves to honoring our King by living our lives as His faithful ambassadors. We can do this because The King has come!

About Wisconsin Family Council

Wisconsin Family Council is a 501 (c)(3) organization that has been advancing Judeo-Christian principles and values in Wisconsin since 1986. We have largely done this by informing Wisconsin citizens, policymakers and churches about the important legislative and cultural issues so that they can be involved in strengthening and preserving marriage, family, life and liberty in our state.

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