

“Come, Let Us Worship Our King”
Matthew 1-2 & Luke 1-2
12/21/25
Message 1

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Come, Let Us Worship Our King”

- ***The Tradition – Cool & Unique Christmas Gifts for 2025***

- Personalized Socks CCP Logo
- Pizza Blanket \$21.98
- Funny Trump Sox \$8.79
- I Phone Banna Cover \$9.99
- I Phone Foot Cover \$16.99
- Money Socks \$9.99
- Taco Hat \$12.29
- Giraffe Hat \$18.72
- Sloth Hand Towel \$21.99
- Boxing Pens \$9.99
- Bathroom Towel Mouse Wall Hole Decal \$6.99
- Bacon Air Freshener \$6.80
- Bacon Tooth Paste \$11.99
- Pickel Toothpaste \$9.99
- Coffee Toothpaste \$7.99

○ Cat Rug \$25.99

○ Bullet Tumbler \$19.99

- **What we Celebrate**

- **It is NOT gift under the TREE...**

- BUT the Gift – ON THE TREE
- The Deepest meaning of Christmas – Is the CROSS

- **That over 2000 years ago**

- **God Loves US Enough NOT to leave us the way we were**
 - He sent His SON to take the penalty for our SINS and to give us life
 - ***“A thousand times in History a Baby has become a King but only once in History has a King become a Baby.”***
- **Our Greatest NEED**
 - If our greatest need had been information,
 - God would have sent us an educator.
 - If our greatest need had been technology,
 - God would have sent us a scientist.
 - If our greatest need had been money,
 - God would have sent us an economist.
 - If our greatest need had been pleasure,
 - God would have sent us an entertainer.

- But our greatest need was forgiveness,
 - So God sent us a Savior.

• **Question - What is Worship?**

○ **You May Answer**

- I think of singing worship songs to the Lord
 - And yes - in many ways that is correct
 - BUT it is deeper

○ **Worship Really involves every part of who we are**

- I believe one of the most important verses to define worship is found in Romans

Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

▪ **In these verses we see**

- 1. The Reason to Worship
 - His Mercies
- 2. The How We are to Worship
 - Presenting our bodies means giving to God all of ourselves.
 - Our hearts, minds, hands, thoughts, attitudes—are to be presented to God.

- Everything!
 - In other words, we are to give up control of these things and turn them over to Him, just as a literal sacrifice was given totally to God on the altar.
- 3. Not Conformed to this world
 - We are different – our focus is different
- 4. Worship is seen in us Renewing Our Minds
 - This mean worship is mostly intellect and not emotions
 - Although Emotion do play a part
 - But how?
 - We renew our minds daily by cleansing them of the world's "wisdom" and replacing it with true wisdom that comes from God.

• **Now In the Account of Jesus First Advent**

- **We will see that Worship was a HUGE response**
 - FOR ALL those involved
- **This Morning we will look at 5 Wonderful examples of Come, Let Us Worship Our king**
 - Mary Worship From Her Soul (Luke 1:39-56)
 - Joseph Worship By Being Obedient (Matthew 1:18-25)
 - The Angels Worship (Luke 2:8-14)
 - The Shepherd Worship by coming to Christ "Just as they Were" (Luke 2:15-20)
 - The Wise Men Worship With Humility, Adoration & Gifts (Matthew 2:1-11)

Mary Worship From Her SOUL (Luke 1:39-56)

Vic To Read

Luke 1:39–56 (NKJV)

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah,

40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, **that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

46 **And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord,**

47 **And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.**

48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.

50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.

54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy,

55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

○ **1. Mary said –**

- V. 46 - “My **Soul Magnifies** the Lord”

- V. 47 – “My **Spirit has rejoiced** in God my Savior”

- Mary Worship God

- She is “Magnifying” God.

- Greek: megalúnō
- Means: Magnify or Praise
- She is Declaring that God is great

Psalm 40:16 (NKJV)

16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

- We too must Magnify God in our Worship
- She Rejoices
 - Greek: Agalliáo
 - Means: *To leap. To exult, leap for joy, to show one's joy by leaping and skipping denoting excessive or ecstatic joy and delight. Hence in the NT to rejoice, exult. Often spoken of rejoicing with song and dance*
 - We Too Must Rejoice in God with our Worship
 - Dance? Leap?
 - Raise your hands?
- **2. Application**
 - **A Key to Worship – SOUL & SPIRIT**
 - It is from the from the Inside –
 - The core of who we are!
 - Mary's "Worship" came from the Inside.
 - It came from her "soul", from her "spirit".

John 4:24 (NKJV)

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

- **Worship is something that comes from the Inside of you.**
 - Can't manufacture it
 - It comes from a SOUL & SPIRIT with you
- **A Warning**
 - Jesus rebuked the Pharisees because their whole relationship with God was based on outward things
 - Learning to say the right things
 - Learning to do all the right things, bowing, incense, etc.
 - Jesus quoted to them from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 29:13 (NKJV)

13 Therefore the LORD said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

- Worship starts on the inside.
 - Outward things like
 - Music
 - Raising your hands
 - Kneeling before God Are Important
 - But they are nothing if it doesn't come from the inside, from your heart.

Joseph Worship By Being Obedient (Matthew 1:18-25)

Mark To Read

Matthew 1:18–25 (NKJV)

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

○ **1. Joseph was Obedient**

- He could have walked away
 - BUT chose to obey the instructions given to him
- True Worship is seen in our Obedience to GOD
 - Not in how great we...
 - Sing worship Songs
 - Play instruments
 - Or give of our time and resources
 - BUT when we Worship, We worship with Obedience

1 Samuel 15:22 (NKJV)

22 So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

○ **2. Immanuel**

Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

- Jesus has many names or descriptions throughout the Bible.
 - This name means "God is with us"

John 1:1 (NKJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 (NKJV)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 14:8–9 (NKJV)

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

- You see the Reason why we can worship
- He is here today – Immanuel

The Angels Worship (Luke 2:8-14)

Alan To Read

Luke 2:8–14 (NKJV)

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 *And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.*

10 *Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.*

11 *For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

12 *And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”*

13 ***And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:***

14 ***“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”***

- **1. Glory to God in the highest**

- Glory

- Greek: dóxa

- Means: Praise, Honor

- Glory is the true apprehension of God or things.

- The glory of God must mean His unchanging essence.

- Giving glory to God is ascribing to Him His full recognition.

- The Latin translation of “Glory to God in the highest” is

- “Gloria in excelsis Deo”

- GLOR-ee-ah In eks-CHEL-sees DAY-oh,”

- Glory in the highest to God

- **2. Application**

- The angels praised God by saying “Glory to God”.

- The angels know that there is no one of whom the universe has a “higher opinion” of than God.
- We worship God Because He is the GREATEST and For His Amazing Works

The Shepherd Worship By Coming to Christ “Just as they Were” (Luke 2:15-20)

Zack To Read

Luke 2:15–20 (NKJV)

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

*17 Now when they had seen Him, **they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.***

18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

○ **1. Shepherds**

- Evangelist
- Worshipers - Glorifying and praising God
- Please Note
 - Shepherds were considered OUTCAST
 - Shepherds could not be a judge, nor was he allowed to be a witness in a court of law.
 - So I find it interesting that the first “evangelists” telling the world about Jesus were the lowly, scuzzy, shepherds.

- **2. Application**

- Worship doesn't just belong in the realm of angels.
 - Even PERSON even the lowest person can offer to God worship that is acceptable.
 - You may not feel that you are not very important to God, but it was the shepherds who were the first to come and honor the king.
 - You are not too bad, too dumb, or too lowly for God.
 - Jesus came for all of us
- Worship is seen in making HIM known – Evangelism

The Wise Men Worship With Humility, Adoration & Gifts (Matthew 2:1-11)

- **Context**

- A few years have past
 - After the birth of Jesus, it seems that Joseph and Mary stayed in Bethlehem at least for a couple of years.
 - They didn't keep living in the "manger", but at some point found a house to live in.

Sumanth To Read

Matthew 2:1–11 (NKJV)

- 1*** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
- 2*** saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? **For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.**"
- 3*** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
- 4*** And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

○ 1. Seen His Star

- One of the oldest of prophecies concerning Jesus came from the prophet Balaam

Numbers 24:17 (NKJV)

17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult.

- A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel...
- The Wise Men
 - Were astrologers
 - They studied the stars.
 - God spoke to them in a language they understood – the stars.

- They saw in the stars that something special was happening in Israel.

- NOTE

- The prophet Micah (5:2) told us the birthplace of the Messiah 700 years before He was born.

- **2. Wise Worship**

- **1. Fell Down = Humility**

- It would be one thing for the shepherds to fall down, but these were the honored “wise men”.
- God is much bigger than you are.
- You can’t worship God and think that you’re the greatest thing since sliced bread and God is just lucky to have you.
- Worship involves HUMILITY
 - Yielding to God, surrendering to God, falling down before God.

1 Peter 5:5–7 (NKJV)

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

- **2. Worshiped Him – Adoration**

- Worshiped
 - Greek: Proskuneo –

- Means: To kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence; to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence
- Adoration
 - True worship is about expressing adoration, love, and affection towards God.
- 3. They Presented Gifts - Giving
 - The wise men gave gifts that seem to have prophetic significance.
 - Gold – The proper gift for a king.
 - Frankincense – Incense for a priest.
 - Myrrh – The aromatic resin used for many things, including the embalming of the dead.
 - Worship of God includes the things that we “GIVE” to Him.
 - We give Him our time as we serve Him
 - We give Him our abilities, allowing God to use all of who we are.
 - We give Him our praise, even when we’re hurting
 - We give Him our lives

Closing

- Come, Let us Worship Our King – Like never before – Because He is Worthy
 - Christmas is ALL about Worshiping OUR KING