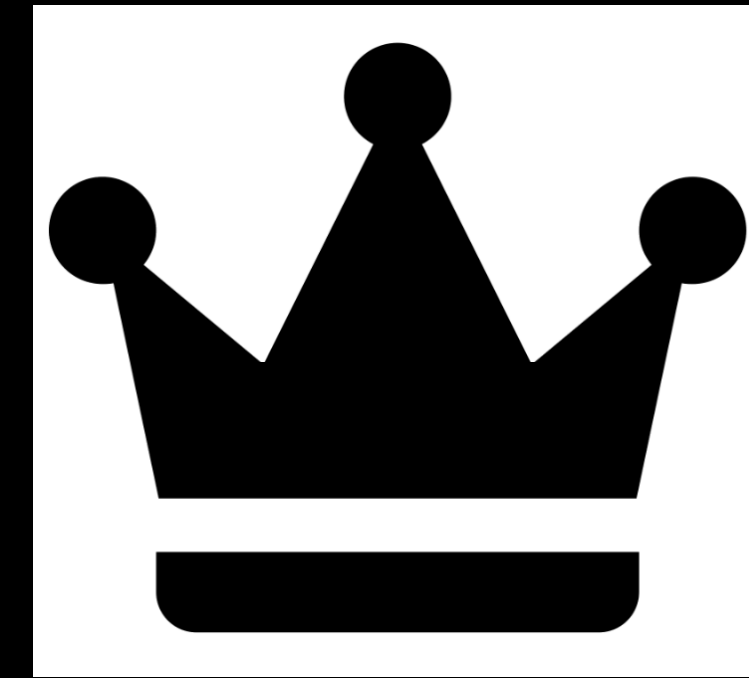


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Matthew 2:23



Isaiah 11:1-10
Dec. 12, 2021

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Matthew 1:1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, **the son of David**, the son of Abraham:

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All **authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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Matthew 2:23 and came and lived in a city called **Nazareth**.

This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets:

“He shall be called a **Nazarene**.”

- Matthew is very familiar with and uses the Old Testament to communicate who Jesus is.
- Jesus is the long promised eternal King. (Davidic Kingship)
- Jesus is the hope of Israel's (and the world's) restoration.

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Isaiah 11

1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,
And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

- Isaiah has been using forestry images. (Chapters 6 & 10)
- Assyria would be destroyed (10:25) & cut down (10:33-34).
- This image is one of new life coming from an old stump.
- Nazareth is not named as a town in the Old Testament.
- “Neser” is the Hebrew word for “branch” in Isaiah 11:1.
- Most likely, Nazareth was established after people returned from exile and were focused on the hope of a coming King.
- A Kingdom is born from a tiny shoot.

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Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

3 And He will delight in the fear of the Lord,
And He will not judge by what His eyes see,
Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

- This descendant of David will rule as the breath of God.
- The Royal Branch will have a reverence for God's authority.
- Reverence for God grows as we experience Him.

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Isaiah 11:4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor,
And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;
And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.
5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins,
And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

- The poor & afflicted will not be disadvantaged.
- In the end, the wicked will not have their way.
- The Royal Branch will be the One who is Right & Faithful.

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- Isaiah 11:6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little boy will lead them.
- 7** Also the cow and the bear will graze,
Their young will lie down together,
And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- 8** The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.
- Nothing is impossible with God. Radical change is coming.

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Isaiah 11

9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
As the waters cover the sea.

10 Then in that day

The nations will resort to the root of Jesse,
Who will stand as a signal for the peoples;
And His resting place will be glorious.

- The Royal Branch is the way for all people to know God.
- The earth will be full of people experiencing God.

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Revelation 22:16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am **the root** and **the descendant of David**, the bright morning star.”

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Celebrate the Child who is The Royal Branch, Jesus of Nazareth.

Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.

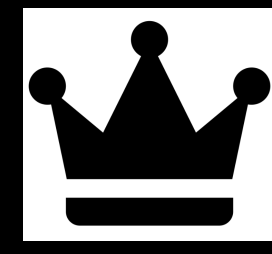
Pray for His Kingdom to come and His will be done.

Trust the Word of God.

Expect more and more newness of life.

Offer Hope to everyone by Proclaiming Christ to all people.

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Searching My Own Heart
Rebuilding Trust in God's Word
Honoring Christ's Lordship
Resolving Our Differences
Following Kingdom Leaders
Re-establishing Jesus' Priorities
Patiently Awaiting Transformation