# **Christ, the Newborn King**

Advent / Luke 1:26–38

# Context

Over a thousand years ago, before the birth of Jesus, in [2 Samuel 7](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Sa7), King David of Israel is enjoying a period of rest after the struggles that brought him to the throne. He contemplated building a house, a temple, for Yahweh. The prophet Nathan came to him with a message from the Lord.

God turned down the offer and made a promise instead. He would choose a surprising and unexpected dwelling place! David had wanted to build a house for God; God will, instead, build a house for David. The Hebrew word for house (bêt) can refer to a building or family. The latter verses (12–16) of the promise develop the theme of a dynasty. David’s son, Solomon, and his descendants partially fulfill the promise of 2 Samuel 7:12–16.

However, David’s throne does not endure because of their sin. They fail to obey Yahweh’s lawful obligations, and the throne is removed from them, not them from the throne. They remain the rightful heirs. Hundreds of years pass, the nation of Israel is under Roman oppression. Does God’s King exist? If so, who is God’s King? Maybe Yahweh failed or forgot to keep His promise. Oh, not Yahweh, the God of Israel.

# The Question

• Who is God’s King?

# Bible Verse

**Luke 1:26–38 CSB**

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.

And the angel came to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you.”

But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be.

Then the angel told her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.”

Mary asked the angel, “How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?”

The angel replied to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

And consider your relative Elizabeth—even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless.

For nothing will be impossible with God.”

“See, I am the Lord’s servant,” said Mary. “May it happen to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

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2 Samuel 7:14, Ps. 2:7–8; 89:27–28

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John 8:58, Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”

• **Kings became the sons of God. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ became \_\_\_\_\_.**

• **Mary responds in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. May God grant you the grace to believe.**

# Pray

“Dear Jesus, I confess I am a sinner and deserve judgment and hell, but I believe You love, came to this earth for me, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead to forgive me. Please forgive me, come into my life, and grant me eternal life in You name. Help me to glorify you in all I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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We ask you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts,
 that, as we have known the Incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,
 so by His cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection,
 through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Amen.
HENRY ALFORD (1810–1871)