

THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Birth of a King

Jesus didn't come primarily to forgive. He came to be followed.

Discussion Questions

1. Which of these words is the first one you would choose when describing Jesus? Why?

Comforter • Deity • Friend • Healer • King • Prophet • Savior • Teacher

2. When many people think of Jesus, the word "King" is not the first thing that comes to mind? Why?
3. Read this quote from C.S. Lewis aloud. What key words stand out to you? Why?

I wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realize what it will be like when He does. When that happens, it is the end of the world. When the author walks on to the stage the play is over. God is going to invade, all right: but what is the good of saying you are on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream?

For this time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side. There is no use saying you choose to lie down when it has become impossible to stand up. That will not be the time for choosing; it will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen, whether we realized it before or not. Now, today, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It will not last forever. We must take it or leave it.

—C.S. Lewis

4. How would you summarize Lewis's point in one short sentence?
5. Would you say you're participating in God's Kingdom? What makes you say that?

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:12–13)