

Christmas 2020 Series
Week 1 outline
11.29.20
Isaiah 9:1-7

A NEW KING IN TOWN

Wonderful Counselor: A King Who Directs His People

I. This World of Gloom and Distress:

In an absence of true light and with a lack of true direction; the world is asking:

A. Who am I?

B. Where am I going?

C. Why am I headed there?

CHRISTMAS MARKS THE COMING OF A KING WHO GIFTS US WITH
HIS IDENTITY, HIS DIRECTION, AND HIS PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES

II. His Work of HOPE *"And He Will Be Called Wonderful Counselor"*

A. A King who Guides (Psalm 119:104-105)

King Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who Guides us with His Truth (Isaiah 9:2)

1. Going ahead of us
2. Showing us the right path
3. Casting light into darkness

B. A King Who Teaches (Proverbs 3:5-6)

King Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who Teaches us in His wisdom

1. Worthy of our trust
2. Wiser than our understanding

C. A King Who Reaches (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

King Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who reaches us as our mediator

1. Interceding on our behalf
2. Standing in between us and the Judge
3. Speaking on our behalf with our best interests at heart

D. A King Who Comforts (Hebrews 4:14-16)

King Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who comforts us through His compassion

1. Hearing us in our weakness
2. Understanding what we really need
3. Giving us his mercy and grace

E. A King Who Sends (John 14:15-17, 17:15-19)

King Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who sends us by His Spirit

1. As His disciples

2. With His message
3. For His kingdom and glory

III. Our Worship as Followers

A. How We Follow King Jesus our Wonderful Counselor

1. In a Response of Worship

"1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

-Romans 12:1-2

B. When We Follow King Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor:

1. He defines our Identity

It's not what we do, but what JESUS has done;
WHOSE we are defines *WHO* we are

-How is God helping me grow from being active to receptive this season?

2. He aims our Direction

Sometimes it's not only what we learn, but often what we unlearn that makes a difference in the direction for our lives.

-What might King Jesus be leading me to unlearn through this season?

3. He clarifies our Vision

It's not *WHAT* we know, but *WHO* we know that brings clarity to His vision for our lives

-How does knowing Jesus as OUR mediator grow our understanding of Him?

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