## The King is Here



Luke 2:1-7

We are talking about Christmas
Not SANTA
NOT EGGNOG
NOT UGLY SWEATERS

It's about so much more CHRIST





Misplaced priorities will cause you to miss the glory and power of the King

Luke 2 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Our savior didn't come with Pomp and circumstance He came in obscurity

Don't look for Jesus in the mansion Look in the manger

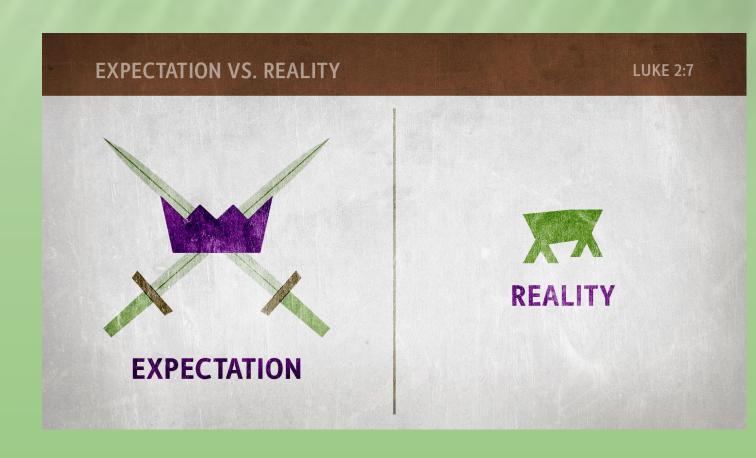
Jesus came in the lowest of ways For the least of these



The Jews of Christ's day missed Him because they were looking for something and someone else

Jews were looking for

A conqueror for the nation
A prestigious king
Someone to serve their desires





Odds were stacked AGAINST Jesus
Joseph almost DIVORCED Mary
Herod almost KILLED Jesus
The residents REFUSED to make room

BUT God provided

A DREAM to keep Joseph
An ESCAPE from Herod
A MANGER for the baby



Herod was THREATENED by Him
The residents IGNORED Him
Mary and Joseph were EXPECTING Him
The shepherds were CALLED to Him
The wise men were SEEKING Him

What is your response to the coming King?

## TODAY let's celebrate THE KING

He is worthy of our gifts
He is worthy to receive glory
He came to give

Our response is to give all that we have



What is so glorious about a manger?



His bed provided food
Now He is the bread of life
Satan threw everything He could at Him
But the King is still here!

It doesn't matter how much is against you All that matters is **WHO** is for you!