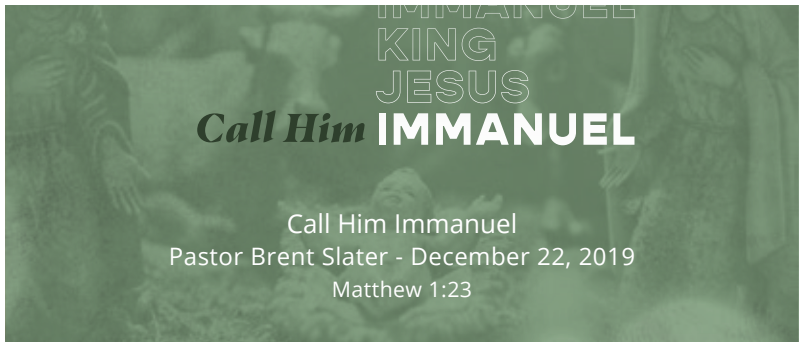




Presence broken.

Presence symbolized.

Presence promised.

Presence restored.

How does this apply to me?



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INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

CALL HIM KING

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

Born king. He wasn't born to become king. He was born king. Another so-called king sat on a throne in Jerusalem, yet that didn't change Jesus' position. Jesus was born king of the Jews.

Years later, Pilate would ask Him if he was indeed the King of the Jews. Jesus would respond, "My kingdom is not of this world." His kingdom was far more expansive, far more enduring, far more real than anything this world had to offer. His kingdom was never ending, both in scope and in time.

Importantly, the wise men who sought him out as king, were not even Jews themselves. Yet they came to worship. In doing so, they embodied the truth that His kingdom would stretch far beyond the physical descendants of Abraham to his spiritual descendants. All who would call upon Him in faith, as many as would receive Him, He gave the right to be called children of God.

Savior, yes. God with us, yes. King, absolutely. He accepts no lower standing. Both His person and His position demand we acknowledge Him as King. Kings rule. He reigns eternally. He reigns over all without limit. And He reigns over each one of us.

He reigns in perfect love and righteousness. He is just and the justifier of sinners. He has all power, but is gentle. He is our King.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Psalms 2 & 110; Matthew 2:1-12

