

## The Gifts of Christmas

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### Gold For A King

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### Why Do We See Jesus as King?

1. He had the genealogy of a king.

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2. He was called a king by the prophets.

*"Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. **He will reign on David's throne** and over his **kingdom**, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever..."*

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6. He was identified as a king at His death.

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### What Should We Know About this King?

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*"Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.'"*

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2. No king has ever been, nor ever will be His equal.

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