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## JESUS BRINGS A BETTER KINGDOM

Wrong choices lead to unwanted consequences. Does Christmas offer us a better choice?

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written: "Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!'" (Mark 1:1-3)

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:14-15)

There's a BETTER King... and a BETTER Kingdom.

Christmas: there's a better King...and He's amazing!

Jesus is amazing (see *Mark 1:7-8, 1:22, 1:27, 1:45, 2:12*)

Christmas: there's a better Kingdom...now and eternal!

The Kingdom of God is both a *present reality* and *a future hope*.

Jesus invited the ordinary to follow him into Kingdom living and they went immediately:

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Mark 1:18)

Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (Mark 1:20)

Jesus or Me? Who is the better King for your life?

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Repent... AND... Believe

Christmas reveals Jesus is the better King with the better Kingdom.

Reflection Question: How does Christmas show you that Jesus is a better King and has a better Kingdom for you?