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Sermon Notes

The King has come:

Why today’s Christmas matters.

I have good news of great joy which will be for all the people: The King has come, and today he may be coming for you.

1. ***The King has come to set the captives free***. [Exod.3:23; Isa.61:1; Jn. 8:36]

* God Knows-Exod. 3:23
  + God knows our struggle
  + God hears our prayers
* God Sends-Isa.61:1
  + …***to bring good news***
  + …***to bind up the broken hearted***
  + *…****to proclaim liberty to the captives***,
  + … ***opening of the prison to those who are bound***.
* God frees-Jn. 8:36
  + True freedom is found in Christ
  + God sent Jesus to break the chains of ***sin and death***
* How do we know this? -2 Pt. 1:3
  + ***His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness***

2. ***The King has come to build his Church***. [Matt. 16:18; Heb.10:24-25; Eph. 2:10,]

* God Builds- Matt. 16:18
  + The Church is God’s Creation
  + The Church belongs to God
  + The Church is known as the Bride of Christ
  + The Church submits to Jesus
* God Designs- Heb. 10:24-25
  + The Church Meets
  + The Church Works
  + The Church Cares
* God Creates-Eph. 2:10
  + The church has a purpose
  + The church has a pathway

3. ***The King has come to rule and reign***. [Matt. 24:4-7; Ps. 131; Phil. 4:6]

* God warns- Matt. 24:4-7
  + Don’t be deceived
  + Don’t be alarmed
* God Rules- Ps. 131
  + We can find comfort in knowing God rules
  + We can rest knowing God is in control
* God Reigns- Phil.4:6
  + We experience divine peace because of the Reign of Christ.