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Biblical prophecy is given to create hope in God's people. Biblical prophecy is given to show the reliability of the scripture. Biblical prophecy is given to bring glory to the one true God as He fulfills His Word.

But, Biblical Prophecy creates mysteries. There were several mysteries created by the prophecies about the coming of the messiah of the Jews. One of those prophecies that created a mystery was Zech 14:9.

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How could the Lord be King over all the earth? The Jews believed the Jewish messiah would be a man. They believed he would be a descendant of David. They believed he would be a man like David. He would restore the fortunes of Israel as a nation. He would even rule over the Gentile nations. They would come to him for his light.

But how could the Lord be King over all the earth when they were expecting a man to be King over the earth?

The mystery was resolved by the incarnation. In Jesus the Lord became a man!

Isa 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

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The incarnation was foretold but it was not expected. The Jews believed that their messiah would be the son of God as David was the son of God and as the angels were called the sons of God.

But they did not believe He would be the Son of God. There was no way for them to comprehend the miracle of God becoming a man. Apparently, it was something that even the angels were not foretold and did not fully understand until the announcement.

Luke 2:10-11

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is **Christ the Lord.**

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We do not know how much the disciples knew about the conception of Jesus when they first met him 30 years later. It appears that they did not understand at first that Jesus was both God and man. As Jesus performed various miracles and they heard His Words, the mystery of what the prophets foretold began to unfold.

It was only after His resurrection from the death that they began to understand other prophecies that he gave about himself and the end of the world. It was only then that they understood that not only was Jesus both God and Man but He was also both Lord and King.

Isa 9:6-7

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
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The prophecy of Zechariah was no longer a mystery.

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Because Jesus was both God and man He could be both Lord and King. The disciples believed one man would eventually rule the earth. That one man was Jesus.

This revelation changed the disciples of Jesus. They were no longer representing a rabbi who could perform miracles. They were representing the Lord who was King over all the earth.

This is why they no longer betrayed Him after His resurrection and after this revelation was complete. This is why they eventually all died for their faith in him.

It is amazing the loyalty that royalty inspires in men!

We love stories like King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. We see knights who were inspired to the greatest displays of loyalty because they believed that King Arthur was destined to be King. It was the secret of Adolph Hitler in securing the loyalty of his followers.

The same thing happened to the disciples of Jesus when they knew once and for all that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah.

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Jesus was to be King over all the earth!

This doctrine is not understood by many in the church of Jesus Christ. The only way that I can measure this is their loyalty or their lack of loyalty.

There are many who attend church who believe that He is Lord and savior who do not believe that He is to be King over all the earth!

For if you believe, it will change you the way it changed his disciples. It will affect the way you live.

- You will stop betraying Jesus for your own personal pleasures or for self preservation.
- You will approach Jesus with boldness and reverence. His throne room is a throne room of grace but it is a throne room.
- You will witness differently. You will tell people the King is coming and not just that they need to accept Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins.
- You will also have a greater appreciation for the cross.

Another prophecy that created a mystery for the Jews was how could the messiah atone for the sins of both the Jews and the Gentiles?

This mystery was not solved for the disciples of Jesus until after His resurrection when they understood...

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Any King can atone for the sins for the citizens of His kingdom. He not only had the right to pardon but He also had the right to choose how much was enough to pay for crimes committed. If he was too lenient in what He required, his citizens would not take His judgments seriously. But if what he required was just, his citizens would have a greater respect for his judgments.

When the disciples of Jesus understood who Jesus was and what He did to atone for their sins, they were amazed.

There was not a higher price that a King could pay for the sins of His citizens than His own execution!

Suddenly the prophecies came alive of how the messiah would atone for the sins of the world.

The King of the world was executed for the sins of His world!

It was not just what Jesus did that made the cross such a significant event to them. It was who He was.....

The King!

This will affect you the same way that it affected them, if you truly believe. You will have a greater appreciation for the cross and the grace of God.

This will motivate you the way it motivated his disciples. It will change the way you live. It will change the way you witness. It will change the way you worship. Jesus is King!

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Don't you look forward to that day? Don't you long for that day? Aren't you tired of living in a world with evil men who so easily violate their neighbors? Aren't you tired of living under a civil government that calls evil good and calls good evil? Aren't you weary of hearing reports about the most admired men in the world being guilty of infidelity? What about the war on terrorism and the most recent attacks on innocent people? Isn't it disheartening to discover that even the most righteous men you know are weak and sinful and capable of being proud and divisive?

What about the poor? Besides your own continuous struggles with taking care of your responsibilities, aren't you tired of all the needs that you see in the lives of others? Do you have adult children or friends that are just struggling to get by? And what about the homeless people that stand on street corners each day and the ones we never see who live under bridges or in shelters? So many of them are disabled or derelicts and could never hold down a job. What about all the orphans and homeless in other countries? Aren't you tired of seeing their faces and hearing about their needs?

How about major catastrophes that are the result of acts of nature or accidents that takes so many lives each day? Aren't you tired of all these uncontrollable events and the pain that they cause so many?

What about death and dying? Aren't you ready for death to be vanquished once and for all? Have you been too as many funerals as you want to attend? Aren't you tired of seeing people you love suffer from disease and suffer some more with no relief? Aren't you tired of watching those you love grief over the loss of someone they love?

What a day it will be when the Lord shall be king over all the earth. Everything I just mentioned will come to an end. As King, the Lord will make sure that there will be no more suffering on the earth, no more injustice on the earth, no more war, no more poverty, no more violent acts of a nature, no more disease, and no more dying.

Do you believe...?

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That King is Jesus Christ!

If you do believe that Jesus is King and that He will be king over all the earth, it has changed you. You are not perfect by any means. But you want to be. You want to serve your King. You want to please your King. You want to honor your King. You want others to know your King. His Spirit lives in you and helps you do what you want.

If you do not believe, you are just the same person you have always been. You have a form of religion but it is without power.

You live one way publicly and another way secretly.

You are not prepared for the time when Jesus will complete what He has promised.

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If you do not believe before you die or before he comes, the price that He paid to atone for your sins will not apply to you. You will spend eternity paying for your own sins in what Jesus described as a place of eternal torment. You will be on the outside while those who have accepted Him as King will be in His Kingdom on the earth.

Am I telling you the truth? Or am I just another liar trying to get you to accept something that is not real? What is the Holy Spirit saying to your heart right now?

If the Holy Spirit is saying the bible is true and what I am saying is true, than accept Jesus as your King. Stop calling Him just your Lord and savior and accept Him as King. You cannot receive just part of the truth and be changed. You must receive the whole Truth and bow your knee to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Will you receive Him today? It will make this Christmas the best Christmas you have ever had. Amen!