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**When The True King Arrived**  
**Christmas Eve Eve**

**4 Corners Church**  
**December 23, 2025**

Rome claimed a savior, a son of god, and a gospel — but first Christmas revealed the real one.

The world didn't need *another religion* — it needed a true King.

## I. ROME'S GOSPEL VS. GOD'S GOSPEL

Julius Caesar died, a comet appeared, and Rome said: "He has become a god."

Augustus—his adopted son—took the title:

Divi Filius (Son of God)

Savior

Bringer of Peace

Lord of the World

**Luke 2:1-2** <sup>1</sup>*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.* <sup>2</sup>*This was the first registration when<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria.*

Luke names him on purpose – and sets him against the true King.

## II. THE "BUT GOD" MOMENT

**Galatians 4:4-5** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

Rome flexed. God humbled Himself.

## III. THE ANGELS DECLARE WAR — WITH WORDS

**Luke 2:10–11** <sup>10</sup> *And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord....”*

“I bring you good news... a Savior... who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke is saying, “Caesar, you don’t own these titles anymore.”

#### IV. REDEFINING POWER, PEACE, AND PEOPLES

Rome: Peace through domination, Unity through fear, Salvation for citizens only

Jesus: Peace through reconciliation, Unity through the Spirit, Salvation for all people

**Luke 2:13-14** <sup>13</sup> *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

#### V. CHRISTMAS DEMANDS A DECISION

You must decide what you will do with Jesus Christ.

Christmas is not cute—it is confrontational.

You don’t get to ignore Jesus.

You either crown Him—or reject Him.

Rome rejected Him.

History crowned Him.

What are you doing with Jesus?

#### VI. GOD IS STILL STEPPING IN

**Ephesians 2:4–5** <sup>4</sup> *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.*

Christmas is God interrupting your false saviors.

Christmas is God offering you true peace.