

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING

Luke 2.22-40

In the first few chapters of Luke, the author has been describing Jesus as a different kind of king.

- He is not from royalty.
- He is familiar with suffering.
- He brings comfort and redemption.
- He is for all humanity.

*“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel...”*  
Luke 2.34

## Choosing to follow King Jesus results in being lifted up.

*...having been buried with him in baptism, in which **you were also raised with him** through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.*  
Colossians 2.12

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*  
1 Peter 5.6

*I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.*  
John 10.10 The Message

## Choosing not to follow King Jesus and his way results in being brought low.

*He will be a holy place; for both Israel and Judah he will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare. Many of them will stumble; they will fall and be broken, they will be snared and captured.”*  
Isaiah 8.14-15

*If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored.*  
Matthew 23.12 CEV

*... and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.*  
Luke 2.34-35

*Toward Jesus Christ there can be no neutrality. We either surrender to him or are at war with him. And it is the tragedy of life that our pride often keeps us from making that surrender which leads to victory.*  
– William Barclay

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**  
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