

GETTING READY FOR THE KING

MATTHEW 1:18-25

September 13, 2026

Jesus coming to earth changed history, changed eternity, but never forget that Jesus coming to earth changed the lives of individuals.

God's plan doesn't look like ours. It is God's plan!

Getting Ready for the King...

- 1) Mary's _____ were completely _____.
- 2) Joseph was asked to _____.
- 3) What _____ become much less important than what _____.
- 4) Being involved in the Plan of God is always _____ than _____ . And bigger than what we _____.
- 5) Everything _____ ! Jesus came to _____ !
- 6) The King who came is " _____ ."

Are we ready for the king to take over our lives?

What would that look like if Jesus was truly our king?

Study Notes for September 13, 2026 – Matthew 1:18-25

****What does Jesus as King really mean in my life?**

(Jesus didn't simply come to be admired, celebrated or talked about. HE CAME TO BE KING.)

KING JESUS HAS MANY CLAIMS ON OUR LIVES, this week think about a few...

- He has the right to lead my life.
- He has the right to ask me to follow him.
- He has the right to change my plans.
- He has the right to use my life for his purposes.
- He deserves my obedience, not just my belief.

Consider some ordinary people that God called and used to accomplish His purpose.

Mary – Luke 1:38 – Her response was, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."

Joseph – Matt. 1:20-24 – When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded.

Moses – Ex. 3:10-12 – God called Moses to do something that he felt completely inadequate to do.

Isaiah – Isaiah 6:8 – God asked the question, "Whom shall I send." Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

Peter and the Disciples – Jesus called ordinary fishermen to leave their old lives and follow Him.

Think this week about what those people and all people have in common.

- They did not have everything figured out.
- They were not perfect, a long way from it.
- They didn't always understand God's plan.

This week, take time to pray about and answer the questions – What does God want me to do? Why am I struggling? Will I trust God? What is holding me back?

WHAT DOES JESUS, MY KING, WANT FROM ME?

****One potentially crippling enemy of following Jesus is ROUTINE.** How did you feel about singing Christmas songs in September? Be honest with yourself,