

Kingdom

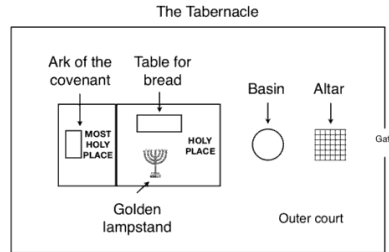
- ADVANCING THE KINGDOM -
November 21, 2021

Jesus was born a slave, ruled and oppressed by Rome... his people waiting for a deliverer.

...Jesus did not come to free people from the empire, but to free people to be who they were always supposed to be.

Ancient Israel's Priests:

- cared for the tabernacle
- made sacrifices for the people
- represented God to the people
- represented the people to God



there was no image in the tabernacle... humanity was to be God's image **Genesis 1:26-28**

Humanity was to rule and represent God as **Royal Priests**

- representing creation to God
- representing God to creation
- ruling on God's behalf

this was God's desire for his people **Exodus 19:5-6**

Jesus fulfills the OT Promises and functions as a **Royal Priest**

You are my son. ~ **Psalm 2:7** the King from David's line whom I love; with you ~ **Genesis 22:2** Beloved Son like Isaac I am well pleased. ~ **Isaiah 42:1** Suffering royal servant

At the crucifixion the veil in the temple was torn in two, and God's Spirit takes up a new residence **1 Corinthians 3:16**

Jesus is a **Royal Priest who serves John 13:1-17**

- died for those who would kill Him
- faithful to those who would betray Him
- forgave those who condemned Him

Jesus' followers are to be **Royal Priests like Him 1 Peter 2:4-12**

- ruling creation as He would
- representing God to humanity
- representing humanity to God in prayer **1 Timothy 2:1-5**

how ought you to function as a royal priest?

this holiday season, who will you notice and include?

MEMORIZE TOGETHER 52 Verses over 52 Weeks This weeks memory verse is **Philippians 2:14-15 NLT**

"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people."

JOIN A HOUSE CHURCH on the ChurchCenter App House Churches, Book Studies, and Focus Groups are kicking off and it's not too late to join.

THANK YOU BASKETS FOR COMMUNITY WORKERS Help us bless them Participate by baking treats, purchasing gift cards, buying coffee, or delivering meals. See Julie Cardinal to get involved.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED Salvation Army Fund Raiser Volunteer to ring the bell at one of their 5 locations around Massena like Walmart or Walgreens. Contact Lieutenant Nic at 802-224-6081 to volunteer!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT \$587 raised for short-term missions at last weeks bake sale! Thank you to all you baked and to all our generous supporters. Our NYC team served a thanksgiving meal to the homeless yesterday and will be returning tonight.

BJS GROUP MEMBERSHIP Renewal Time It is time to renew your membership. Instructions are available at the information desk.

this week...

UGANDA ITEMS FOR SALE After the Service! As our team prepares to leave for Uganda, we are once again offering unique items to purchase from Uganda to support our work there.

CROSS CURRENT Tonight at 6pm 7th-12th graders gather for week 3 of our Jesus is series this week! They will also be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

ONLINE WEDNESDAYS 7pm on Facebook & YouTube Last week Josh & Justin discussed the exciting announcements that were last Sunday. This week hear more from Greg!

coming up....

WATER BAPTISMS December 5th We have a few more people choosing to follow Jesus through water-baptism. If you would like to as well, sign up at the information desk or online.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Friday, December 24th, at 6pm Join us for this one-hour service where we sing some traditional Christmas carols, read scripture together, and remember the moment Jesus came to live among us.

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