

## The Qualification of the King Matthew 3-4

Jesus' character and nature demonstrate that He is uniquely qualified as the Messiah. The question of Matthew's gospel is, "Will we accept Him as our King and submit to His terms in order to enter God's kingdom?"

Jesus' nature and character uniquely qualify Him to be the Messiah.

Will we submit to King Jesus and agree to the terms of His kingdom?

- I. Baptism: The King is Announced (3:1-17).
- II. Temptation: The King is Tested (4:1-11).

He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

—Deuteronomy 8:3

Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord"...they tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us, or not?"

—Exodus 17:2, 7

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decided disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

—Isaiah 11:1-5

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