

"Prepare the Way: He Is Among Us" Luke 1:26-38
Sermon Notes ♦ December 7, 2014

Introduction:

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incarnation

**Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom
I am the worst.** - 1 Timothy 1:15

Is anything too hard for the LORD? - Genesis 18:14

**I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be
thwarted.** - Job 42:2

**Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the
earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing
is too hard for you.** - Jeremiah 32:17

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**The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the
neighborhood.** - John 1:14, *The Message*

**...you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save
his people from their sins.** - Matthew 1:21

"A great deal of democratic enthusiasm descends from the ideas of people like Rousseau, who believed in democracy because they thought mankind so wise and good that everyone deserved a share in the government. The danger of defending democracy on those grounds is that they're not true. . . I find that they're not true without looking further than myself. I don't deserve a share in governing a hen-roost, much less a nation. . . . The real reason for democracy is . . . Mankind is so fallen that no man can be trusted with unchecked power over his fellows. Aristotle said that some people were only fit to be slaves. I do not contradict him. But I reject slavery because I see no men fit to be masters." - C. S. Lewis, "Equality," in *Present Concerns: Essays by C. S. Lewis*

What kind of king?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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Questions for Reflection

- *Have you ever acted out of the motivation of love?*
- *What did you risk?*
- *How can you practice "incarnation" as modeled by Jesus (putting God's love "in the flesh") in your community?*
- *God is always moving to be found among those he loves. Who are you "among"? Only Christians and church members? How can you become more involved in the lives of people outside the church?*
- *How are you involved in God's mission to love the lost around us?*
- *What is your driving force? What is your motivation?*