

*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.
(2 Timothy 2:8)*

When the people of Israel asked God to give them a king long ago, they made assumptions about what their king should be like. Their king should be strong and mighty in battle. He should command the respect of nations with his mere presence. But God's pick for king fit a different mold. The king he chose for his people was a humble shepherd from the Bethlehem countryside. His name was David, the youngest of eight sons. He was a young man whom no one thought would be king.

As great as King David was, he was merely a shadow of another shepherd-king that came to fight man's greatest enemies. Centuries after David rose from his humble Bethlehem roots, another king came from humble roots. Born in a Bethlehem barn, God's promised Savior did not appear as people expected. The Bible tells us, "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him." (Isaiah 53:2) This shepherd-king did not meet expectations and he was rejected.

And for those who believe, Jesus will continue to exceed expectations. His heavenly kingdom will be like nothing we could ever imagine.



David was a musician (he played the harp) and the first in a line of Kings from which Jesus was eventually born. **More information is located online at WhatAboutJesus.com.** Look for the *What About ... Prominent People* link.