

God's Upside-Down Kingdom

WBS Lecture Notes

Matthew 2

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Main Point: God's Kingdom is not inherited by the _____ but received through the _____.

One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?"

Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you." - Luke 17:20-21 (NLT)

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. - Romans 8:9 (NIV)

Point #1: The _____ seeks to control the _____.

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. - Galatians 5:17 (NIV)

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." - attributed to Plato

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. - Romans 8:7 (NIV)

Point #2: The _____ leads unlikely _____ to the King.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.

- John 16:13 (NLT)

“We must not be afraid to follow the truth wherever it may lead . . .”

- Thomas Jefferson

God used the language they understood to
lead them to the King they did not yet know.

Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God’s wonders. - Job 37:14 (NIV)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. - Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left. - Isaiah 30:21 (NLT)

Point #3: The Spirit makes _____ people _____ to the King.

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. - 2 Timothy 1:14 (NIV)

Herod _____ to _____ Jesus.

The Magi _____ to _____ Jesus.

Joseph _____ to _____ and _____ Jesus.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13 (NLT)