



KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

- Jesus' emphasis throughout the Gospels was not so much about _____ something (Heaven) someday. It's primarily about _____ something now.
- When we reduce Jesus to a sin forgiver and a ticket to heaven, we miss out on his primary call on our lives now. We become _____ rather than _____.

MESSIAH:

- Christ is not a name. It is a _____!

THE ISSUE

We attempt to keep _____ and _____ conveniently separated.

- God sent his Son into the world to establish a _____.
- Our faith does not require us to look away from _____, _____, & _____.
- God sent a king to _____ us in a different way of living.
- First century Christians were persecuted not because of what they believed, because of whom they _____.

THE QUESTION

_____?

THE BOTTOM LINE

(Jesus) He is the king that has invited you to

_____ to bow, to submit, to follow, and to

_____ The Kingdom of God come to earth.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 2:1-9, 11-12, 16

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

LUKE 1:33

"His kingdom will never end."

LUKE 2:1

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

JOHN 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:4-5

In him was life and that life was the light of the entire human race. ⁵The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

ACTS 11:26

The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.