New Testament for Ministry
Lecture #2 Outline: Incarnation & Kingdom of God

I. Narrative of Scripture and Kingdom of God
   A. Competing Narratives
   B. Abiding Tension
   C. Biblical Narrative of Redemption and Us

II. Narrative and a Biblical Worldview
   A. Influence of Narratives
   B. Narratives and Trinitarian Redemption
   C. Narratives as Shapers

III. Kingdom of God
   A. Role of Kingdom in Application
   B. Overview / Definition

IV. Incarnation & Kingdom of God
   A. Historical / Theological Background
   B. Spiritual and Political Darkness: OT Era
      1. Assyrians
      2. Babylonians
      3. Persians
   C. Spiritual and Political Darkness: Post-OT Era
      1. Greek Problems
      2. Jewish Problems
      3. Roman Problems
   D. Incarnation & Kingdom in Luke
      1. Song #1: Magnificat (Luke 1.46–55)
      2. Song #2: Benedictus (Luke 1.67–79)
      4. Song #3: Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29–32)
      5. Jesus as a Boy & “Necessity” of Salvation (Luke 2.41–52)

V. Jesus and the Kingdom
   A. Broad Definition
   B. Theocentric
   C. Powerful & Personal
   D. Gracious Kingdom
   E. Gospel Message = Kingdom Message
   F. Spiritual
   G. Priorities of the Kingdom
   H. Universal in Scope
   I. Centrality of the Church
   J. Eschatological: Already/Not Yet
      1. Inauguration
2. Growth
3. Consummation
4. Special Note: *Gospel of the Poor*

K. Application of Already/Not Yet

VI. Looking Ahead