

**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)
    - 3. Birth of Jesus (Luke 2.1–12)
    - 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