

"A King Called Jesus": A Biblical Theology of Christian Citizenship

From the earliest rumors of the birth of Jesus to the first decade of the preaching of the Gospel, the kings and emperors of this world have found the message of Christianity not only disturbing, but even threatening. Herod heard the message of the other King born in Bethlehem as a message from a political rival, and Pontius Pilate executed Jesus because he claimed to be a king. The early Christians were accused of following another king, one called Jesus and Paul boldly announced that a Christian's citizenship is not primarily on earth but in Heaven.

This spring the Ridley Institute will host a brand new class in Biblical Theology, "A King Called Jesus." Students will learn the story of the founding of the Kingdom of God, its ruin through sin, and restoration through Jesus as presented from Genesis to Revelation. Students should expect to gain a good working knowledge of the entire Bible, with specific focus on the themes of the Kingdom of God, heavenly citizenship, and the distinctive culture of the followers of Jesus as presented in the Bible. Students will be challenged to think through what Kingdom citizenship means for our lives in contemporary America.

Course Schedule:

- **Jan. 24-** *The Kingdom of God as Biblical Worldview*
- **Jan. 31-** *Citizens of the Kingdom of God: Foundations of Christian citizenship in Genesis*
- **Feb. 7-** *Kingdom Exiles: What Sin means for Citizenship*
- **Feb. 14-** *Covenants: How God builds a Nation*
- **Feb. 28-** *Spiritual Insurgency: Exodus as Pattern for a Free People*
- **Mar. 7-** *Jesus and the Kingdom of God*
- **Mar. 14-** *The Crucified King: The Repatriation of the People of God*
- **Mar. 21-** *The Church: How Worship Makes Citizens of the Kingdom*
- **Mar. 28-** *Kingdom Culture: The Distinctive Witness of 1st Century Christians*
- **Apr. 4-** *Jesus Amongst Lesser Lords: Living as a Follower of Jesus in Contemporary America*

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