

SOVEREIGN: "RULER ABOVE"
 SOVEREIGNTY: "SUPREME POWER OVER ALL"
 BIBLE DEFINITION OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY:

GOD'S DESIGN & CHANNEL OF HIS POWER INTO
 *3 KINGDOMS WHEREBY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
 WILL REIGN SUPREME ACCOMPLISHING HIS
 PURPOSE & WILL THRU THE GOSPEL / REV 11:15

- ① EPH 1:3-12 - KINGDOM OF GOD: "THE INDWELLING OF CHRIST'S SPIRIT AT SALVATION" LUKE 17:20-21 JOHN 14:15-26
- ② ROM 11:1-36 - KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: "CHRIST PHYSICALLY REIGNING IN ISRAEL" (FUTURE)
 - GEN 49:9-10 A KING PROVIDED
 - NUM 24:17 A KING PROPHECIZED
 - PSA 132:11 A KING PROMISED
 - MATT 2:2 A KING PROCLAIMED
 - REV 19:1-21 A KING PURPOSED
- ③ 11 THESS 1:3-12 KINGDOM OF SATAN: "PRESENT RULER OF THIS WORLD" MT 4:8-9
 - "GOD" OF THE UNSAVED - 11 COR 4:1-7
 - WHOSE POWER IS SUPERSEDED BY GOD THE CREATOR - DAN 4:17 JOB 1:2

I. NICODEMAS WAS LOOKING FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: "PERSONAL EFFORT TO CONTROL HIS LIFE" JOHN 3:1-2

A. NOTE: HE WAS A RULER CONCERNED ABOUT HIS POSITION vs.1

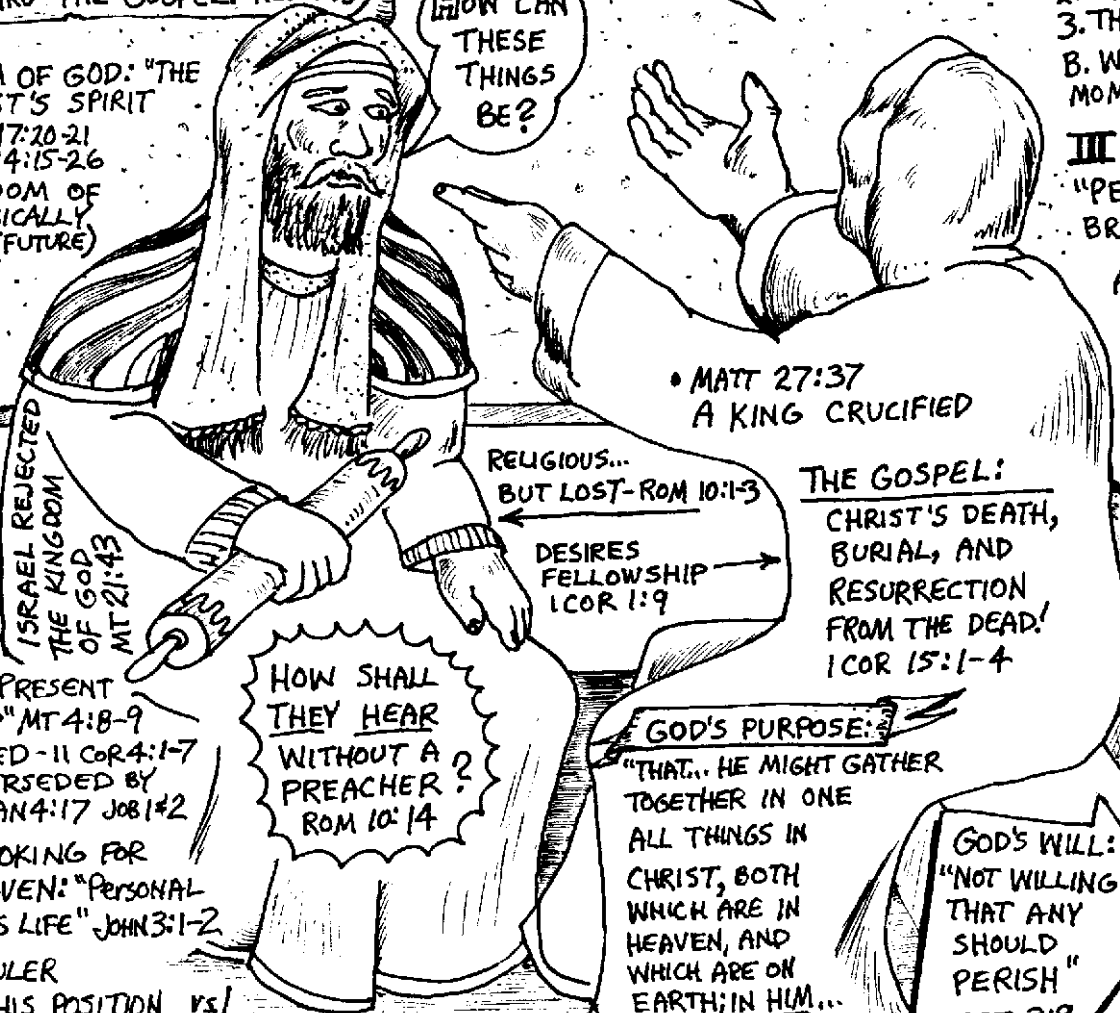
B. HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE SUPERNATURALNESS OF CHRIST vs.2

C. HE WAS INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A NEW KINGDOM TO PROTECT HIS WEALTH.

NOTE: ALL RELIGIONS ARE BASED UPON PERSONAL EFFORT FOR SALVATION & WORLDLY DOMINION / LK 19:14 REBEKAH & JACOB TRIED TO FULFILL GEN 25:20 IN GEN 27 BY PERSONAL EFFORT!

EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD... THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH; AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT.
 JOHN 3:3,6

HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?



ISRAEL REJECTED THE KINGDOM OF GOD OF MT 21:43

RELIGIOUS... BUT LOST - ROM 10:1-3
 DESIRES FELLOWSHIP 1 COR 1:9

THE GOSPEL:
 CHRIST'S DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD!
 1 COR 15:1-4

GOD'S PURPOSE:
 "THAT... HE MIGHT GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, BOTH WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN, AND WHICH ARE ON EARTH; IN HIM..."
 EPH 1:10-12

GOD'S WILL:
 "NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"
 11 PET. 3:9

II. CHRIST EXPLAINED THE KINGDOM OF GOD: "YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCEPT JESUS AS LORD & SAVIOR" JOHN 3:3-18

- A. SALVATION FROM SIN COMES FROM BEING BORN OF GOD'S SPIRIT vs 3-8
1. BY HEARING GOD'S WORD - 1 PETER 1:23
 2. BY RECEIVING GOD'S SON - JOHN 1:12
 3. THRU FAITH IN GOD'S WORK - ROM 3:19-31
- B. WE RECEIVE GOD'S SPIRIT THE MOMENT WE BELIEVE ON CHRIST vs 9-18 GAL 3:13-14

III. SATAN'S KINGDOM EXPOSED: "PERSONAL REJECTION OF CHRIST BRINGS ETERNAL DESTRUCTION" JOHN 3:19-20

- A. MEN LOVE DARKNESS BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS ARE EVIL v.19
- B. EVIL WORKERS HATE THE REPROOF OF GOD'S LIGHT v.20 PROVERBS 1:23+33
- C. WITHOUT CHRIST, EVIL MEN WILL PERISH IN HELL
 PSA 9:17 JOHN 3:16 REV 20:15

IV. EXIT DOOR REVEALED: "PERSONAL INVITATION TO RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR FROM SIN & EVIL" JOHN 3:21

- A. REPENTANCE IS THE WORK OF TRUTH THAT BRINGS US INTO GOD'S LIGHT
 MATT 3:8 11 TIM 2:24-26
- B. THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD BECOMES OUR FAITH. EPH 1:13-14 ROM 10:17 GAL 2:20
- C. WILL YOU RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST TODAY?
 JOHN 1:12 ROM 10:4-13