

Rough notes actually used by Pastor Powell in preaching the sermon.

Introduction: You know those words that filled Herod and his court and all of Jerusalem with fear. Following a star from the East, these Scholars from the East had travelled to Jerusalem and had asked, “Where is He that is born king of the Jews. We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him. Who is this One who was born in Bethlehem, that little town in Judea, where that star led the Wise Men? Going before them and standing over the place where Jesus lay. Something very unusual was going on that would bring smart men like that from a far distance to worship a Jewish baby. They gave Him gifts suitable to His royal birth and warned of God in a dream, bypassed Jerusalem on their way back home, having given testimony to His birth and rank.

Some things in the Bible have to be explained by other things in the Bible, and that is what I expect to do today, by looking at two passages of Scripture. I want to make this very simple this morning and preach what you have heard from your childhood, but must hold to the end if you are to be saved.

- I. The Son of God: Mediator and Intercessor. See Romans 1:1-5. Note four things about these verses.
  - A. Paul is writing to the Romans about the good news to which he was dedicated by God to preach and proclaim.
  - B. This good news of the Gospel is about Jesus Christ. Vs. 3. If you are not preaching Christ, then you are not preaching the Gospel, for that is what the gospel is all about.

C. But there are two consideration that we must meditate upon if we are to know who this Jesus Christ is.

1. “According to the flesh.” Or according to humanity.
  - a. With respect to his human birth in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary he is descended from David, and thus the Wise Men were correct and God put a supernatural light in the sky to testify that this One is heir to the throne of David.
  - b. Was made of the seed of David. He was prior to the flesh, but according to the flesh, was made of David’s seed and line. Through both Mary and Joseph. Physically through Mary; legally through Joseph. See Matthew 1:23-25. Joseph had nothing to do with the birth of Jesus, except that he threw his mantle, as it were, over Mary and her child, giving legal status to Jesus, and taking him as his own, for he was descended from David through Solomon and a legal heir to the throne Mary was descended from David through Nathan, thus escaping the curse of Coniah, as Machen argues, but that is another story.
2. Declared to be the Son of God. Not made the Son of God, but affirmed by Divine decree to be true.
  - a. There is only one “He” He is the seed of David; He is the Son of God. His true birth testifies to His humanity, made the seed of David. His resurrection testifies to His godhead, for He always is the Son of God.
  - b. You see, there are two begettings: Micah 5:2. This was the passage consulted by the chief priests and scribes in Jerusalem when Herod asked where Messiah should be born. The Jews were not ignorant of the times and season.

- (1). “Going forth in time” from Bethlehem. Though just a little village, yet the city of David, given the great honor of being the birthplace of the Lord’s Christ, the messiah, the Savior appointed for the world.
- (2). He had another “goings forth” from eternity, the eternal Son of God.
- (3). This is exactly what John 3:16 says. God sent His Son. He didn’t began to be the Son of the God when He was born, or when He was resurrected; but He was declared, announced, confirmed. Established.

c. See HC. 12-21 These great benefits can be received by faith only. Romans 1:5.

II. The Son of God and His Kingdom. Our text in Romans speaks of two things, concerning the Son of David and the Son of God, who is Jesus of Nazareth.

A. He has, by virtue of His resurrection received power over all things.

1. Matthew 28: “All power is given to me in heaven and in earth; go and make disciples of all nations....” I have authority over the whole world, and I send you in my name to disciple the whole world.
2. Ephsians 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and domin-

ion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

B. This power was predicted also by the prophet Micah. Micah 4:1-3: Images.

1. Mountain is kingdom.
2. House of the Lord: The temple, but not Herod or Moses. The true Temple. Taken from Israel and given to Jesus Christ in heaven. Heb. 12.
3. Law is the Gospel. The promise of the future.

### III. The Son of God and His Word and Spirit

A. All the world will seek to be taught of this kingdom and temple.

B. Law go forth: the Gospel from Jerusalem. Acts 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

C. Lessons:

1. Not by swords and bombs and death and destruction but by the Word and Spirit of Life.

2. God would teach the world His ways. As Paul said in Romans: vs. 5: “By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:” (Ro 1:5 AV)
3. This is the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus as Paul said in Romans 8:1-4

### Conclusion and Application.

1. Preach the Gospel: It is the power of God unto salvation.
2. Live the Gospel: the gospel of mercy and truth, and Paul and the apostles declared it: It is both a good news and a rule of conduct and life, and law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
3. The resurrection of Christ confirms and guarantees the establishment and order of this kingdom to the end of the world.
4. Last days, are now. And in these last days has spoken by His son.
5. Study these things, believe these things, obey these things for they are salvation for your soul and the promise of your resurrection to eternal glory and praise forever and ever. This is the way of life. The Good News. Amen and Amen.
6. This is the power of the church: but it is a real power over all things. To preach to the world, to every creature under heaven. To testify against powers and dominions according to the measure and opportunity given to you. We are kings and priests on the earth under Jesus Christ our Lord and Master.