

- I. The King *teaches*!
- Rev 4:7
- A. Jesus is *our King*
- Acts 2:36; Phil 2:9-11;
Rev 19:11-16; II Cor 4:4;
Matt 25:31-34;
Luke 17:21b; Rev 11:15
- B. He teaches because He *loves* His *people*
- Luke 23:34; John 8:31-32;
Prov 13:14; II Tim 3:16-17;
Ps 19:7-9; Hoses 4:6a;
Eph 3:16-17a
- II. The King *pronounces* the *way* *it* *is* in His *kingdom*
- Matt 7:28-29
- A. Certain people are *blessed*
- Deut 28:1-12
- B. What He *says* will be *counter* to this *world*
- Matt 4:16
- III. *Blessed* are the *poor* in *spirit*
- A. King *Jesus* prefers a *poor* house
- Rev 3:17; Luke 18:10-14;
Phil 2:6-8; 3:7-10;
Matt 11:28-29;
Isa 6:1, 5
- B. *Welcome home* begins here
- Rev 3:17-20;
Ps 24

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“Welcome Home”
Text: Matt 5:1-3

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3. Quick review: what is the angle of “Who Jesus is” that Matthew presents? Can you support your answer with illustrations from the first four chapters?
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5. Why would King Jesus care to teach His people? What are the benefits to people of His teaching?
6. How are the pronouncements of Matthew 5:3-8 different than what people are taught in this world? (Try to write the “opposites” of what Jesus states in these verses. Have you heard any of these “opposites” before?)
7. What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? (What would be a picture of the opposite?) Why would Jesus, as the One who dwells in hearts, prefer such a “poor” place?
8. How can a person become poor in spirit? How can someone know if they are?
9. Why does Jesus begin His teaching with this characteristic of a heart He prefers? Why is this a “first work”?

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