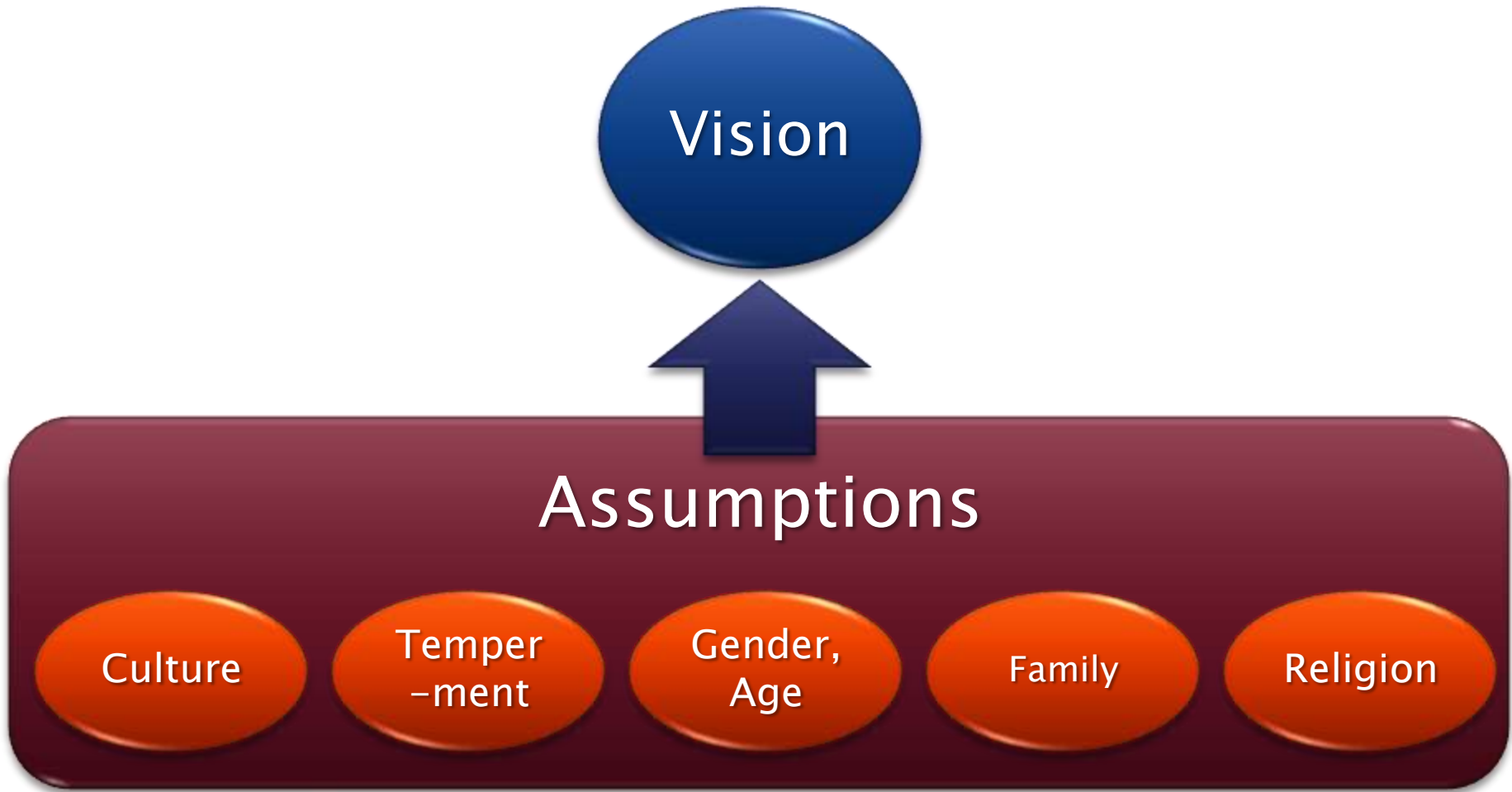


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God has chosen to make known this great message, which had for long ages been a complete secret. It is an unprecedented, radically inclusive message. It's not just for the Jewish people but for people of all cultures. The secret is unspeakably rich and glorious, and here it is – the secret message, the mystery of the kingdom of God: That Christ the King indwells you, which means that his kingdom is within you and among you here and now.

This secret message invites us into a reconciled and reconciling movement and expanding network of relationships. This is the glorious hope we've all been waiting for so long.

Paraphrase of Colossians 1: 27 and ff



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Vision

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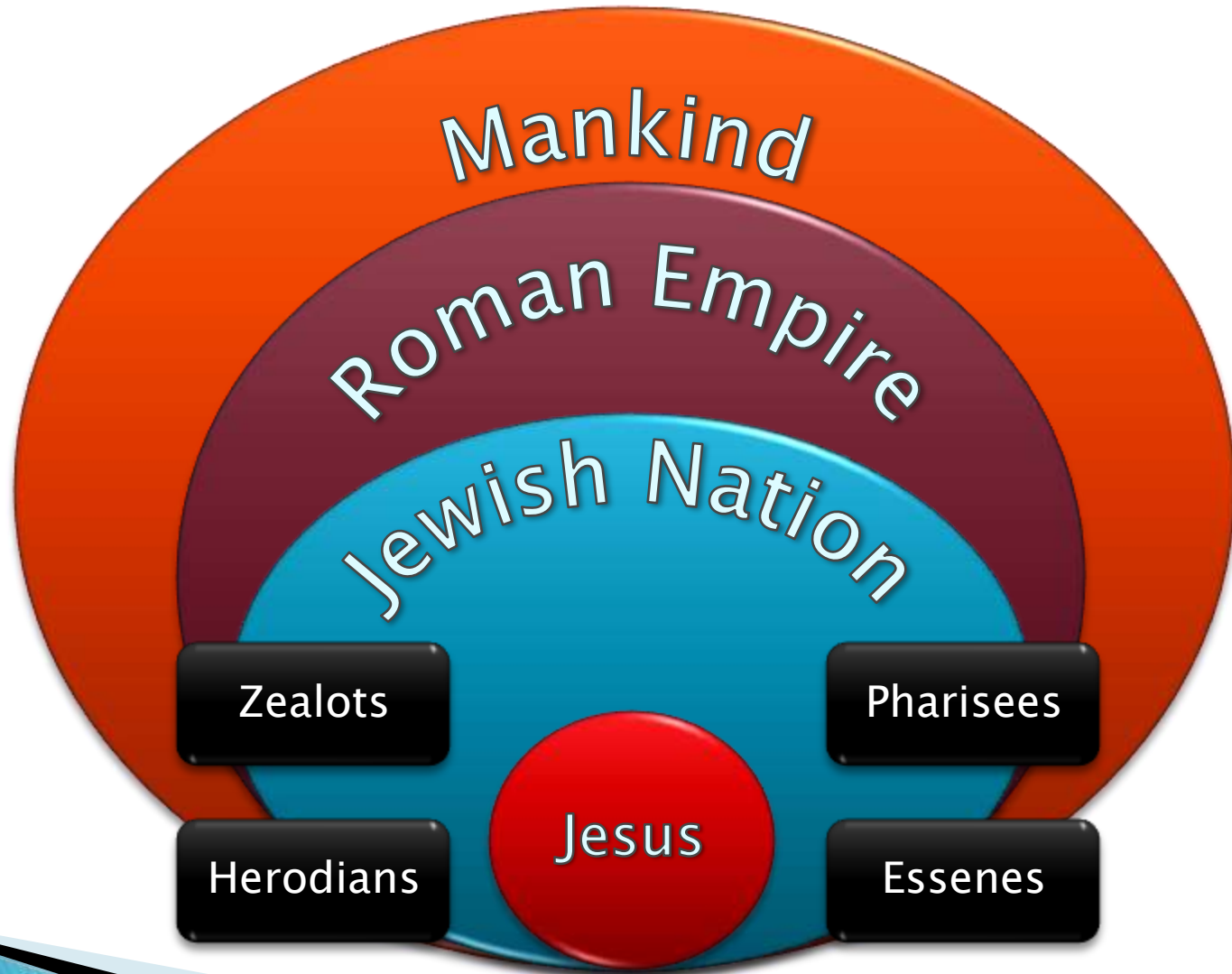
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# Jesus came into a social and political context



# Jesus challenged everyone's assumptions

- ▶ Challenged Romans claims to deity and power
  - ▶ Challenged Pharisees focused on external holiness, hung out with unclean and rejected
  - ▶ Challenged the zealots by preaching forgiveness
  - ▶ Challenged Herodians by calling for profound change and by making the call to follow God only
  - ▶ Challenged Essenes by remaining in the center of society
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