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Let G be an adjoint algebraic group of type B , C or D defined over an algebraically closed field \mathbf{k} of characteristic 2 and \mathfrak{g} be the Lie algebra of G . Let \mathfrak{g}^* be the dual vector space of \mathfrak{g} . We construct Springer correspondences for the nilpotent varieties in \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{g}^* . The correspondence in \mathfrak{g} (resp. \mathfrak{g}^*) is a bijective map from the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible representations of the Weyl group of G to the set of all pairs (c, \mathcal{F}) , where c is a nilpotent G -orbit in \mathfrak{g} (resp. \mathfrak{g}^*) and \mathcal{F} is an irreducible G -equivariant local system on c (up to isomorphism). In particular, we classify the nilpotent G -orbits in \mathfrak{g}^* over \mathbf{k} and the nilpotent G -orbits in \mathfrak{g} and \mathfrak{g}^* over finite fields of characteristic 2. (Received February 04, 2009)