



Series: God & Politics

Sermon: Part 2: What Are The Politics Of Jesus?

Date: Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Mark 12:13-17

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

If you are a follower of Him, then you are to put everything of your life towards being about _____ Kingdom and priorities.

If so many people who claim to follow Jesus live a lifestyle of building their own kingdoms and serving their own priorities, then why would it be any surprise if their politics and views supported the continued building of their own kingdoms and priorities?

“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:18-19, 21)

Whenever Jesus saw people using the things of God to enhance their own personal kingdoms, Jesus righteously got angry.

The Herodians: A non-religious Jewish party who supported the dynasty of Herod and were pro-Roman rule

The Pharisees: Religious Jewish leaders who believed in the strict observance of oral traditions and the written Law of Moses. They were anti-Roman rule

Poll Tax: An annual tax paid by men, aged 12 to 65, and women, aged 14 to 65. The tax cost one denarius which is roughly about a day’s wage for a laborer.

“Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” was a trick question meant to _____ Jesus.

As people who live in this world, we are obliged to be obedient to the government, as long as it does not infringe on our obedience to God.

Caesar’s image is stamped on the coin so we are to give to Caesar what belongs to him, but if God’s image is stamped on us, then we are to give ourselves to God because we _____ to Him.



By making the statement “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s,” Jesus was saying give the coin over to Caesar but give all of your life over to God.

Jesus came with a different agenda to bring a whole _____ Kingdom, a spiritual Kingdom, that would impact all of the kingdoms of this world and it would last for eternity.

In the kingdoms of this world those values of power, success, comfort, and recognition are all about bringing honor and glory to self, even at the expense of others.

Anyone who seeks God’s Kingdom will know God, be like God, and live like God in the midst of a world that is far from God.

God’s Kingdom, that is within us, now changes the Earthly kingdom that we live in.

When you live this way, the Kingdom of God that you live for will start to influence the kingdom of this world that you live in.

Living For The Kingdom of God While Living In This Earthly Kingdom:

- 1. You _____ for the things of God
- 2. You want to tell _____ about the things of God
- 3. You want to _____ your resources for the things of God
- 4. Your _____ will start to align with the things of God

Bottom Line: *When we are in sync with God and His priorities, we start to care about all issues that affect humanity and not just certain issues that only affect us.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. *What kingdom are you advancing? Your kingdom or God’s Kingdom?*
- 2. *How does knowing that God’s image is stamped on you help you to be more mindful in how you live and talk with others?*
- 3. *How can you leverage your power, success, comfort, and recognition to advance God’s Kingdom in order to change the country and the world with Jesus?*

Songs used in service: This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Amazing Grace (John Newton), Gratitude (Brandon Lake), Same God (Elevation Worship)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?