

JESUS AND YOUR POLITICS

*“Let the Christian begin by treating ... Patriotism or Pacifism as **part of his religion**. Then let him, under the influence of partisan spirit, come to regard it as **the most important part**. Then quietly and gradually nurse him on to the stage at which the religion becomes **merely part of the ‘Cause,’** in which Christianity is valued chiefly because of the excellent arguments it can produce in favor of the British war-effort or of Pacifism.”*
CS Lewis

Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Are you asking this on your own, or have others told you about me?” “I’m not a Jew, am I?” Pilate replied. “Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” “My kingdom is not of this world,” said Jesus. “If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I wouldn’t be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” John 18:33-36

1. Remember your first allegiance is Jesus and His Kingdom.

“...for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

2. Be convinced and kind.

One who eats must not look down on one who does not eat, and one who does not eat must not judge one who does, because God has accepted him. Who are you to judge another’s household servant? Before his own Lord he stands or falls. And he will stand, because the Lord is able to make him stand. One person judges one day to be more important than another day. Someone else judges every day to be the same. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind. Romans 14:3-5

3. Engage more than politically.

Reflection Question:

How does the teaching and ministry of Jesus inspire and challenge your view of politics?

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