

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Jesus and Politics

John 11.45-57

Jesus' resurrection of Lazarus was the final straw for the religious leaders. They realized there would be no way to control Jesus' popularity, and they feared the intervening Romans and the impending loss of their own power, influence, and wealth. The writer John reveals to us that when Jesus enters an area, he is a political force to be reckoned with, and we must be prepared for his impact.

1. Whenever Jesus and the Gospel enter an area, it's going to **UPSET THE APPLE CART.**

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

Matthew 10.34-36

Acts 19.23-41

2. Be aware of the **FEAR FACTOR.**

If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him... v48

"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Luke 12.4-7

Matthew 6.25-34

3. Keep the **MAIN THING** the **MAIN THING.**

"...and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation." v48

But our citizenship is in heaven.

Philippians 3.20

Mark 10.35-45

4. Don't do **WRONG** to achieve a greater **RIGHT.**

"You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." v50

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.21

Matthew 5.10-12

Galatians 5.22-24

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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