

Politics – Jesus Style

Luke 19.41-48

Politics is everywhere, and it has a way of stirring up strong opinions, dividing people, and competing for our loyalty. But what if, instead of allowing our politics to shape the way we follow Jesus, we allowed Jesus to challenge—and shape—the way we do politics?

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1. Let **COMPASSION** come before **CONFRONTATION**.

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it. v41

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3.12

2. Confront **INJUSTICE** when you see it.

When Jesus entered the temple courts, he began to drive out those who were selling. v45

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Isaiah 1.17

3. Speak **THE TRUTH**—even when it **COSTS YOU**.

Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. v47

Instead, we will speak the truth in love... Ephesians 4.15

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. **But do this with gentleness and respect...*** 1 Peter 3.15

4. Let Jesus have **THE FINAL WORD**.

...all the people hung on his words... v48

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6.68

Don't let a party, politician, news network, social-media feed, or ideology tell you how to interpret Jesus. Let Jesus tell you how to evaluate everything else.

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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