

## ***How would Jesus Vote?***

*God & Country?*

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***At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.***

*Genesis chapter 11 verses 1 & 2 (9)*

***God said, “Come, let’s go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won’t be able to understand each other.” In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world.... Genesis chapter 11 verses 7 & 8 (10)***

- ⊗ In doing this, God forever divided the entire human family...and there was nothing that we could do about it. Any hope of reconciliation & peace lay only in God’s hands now!

***The “Hope of the World” would come through them. God said, “I will make you into a great nation.... All the families on earth will be blessed (benefit) through you.”***

*Genesis chapter 12 verses 2 & 3 (10)*

***When that day comes, you will beg for relief from this king you are demanding.... But the people refused to listen to Samuel’s warning. “Even so, we still want a king,” they said.***

*1 Samuel chapter 8 verses 18 & 19 (216)*

- ⊗ Maybe they wanted a king because it was hard to keep faith in a king they couldn’t see. What they didn’t realize is that it’s much harder to keep faith in a king you can see!

***Tell the people of Israel, “Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey....” Matthew chapter 21 verse 5 (751)***

Some lessons from “King Jesus”...

- God didn’t rely on the political system to change the world
- Jesus didn’t rely on the political system to change the world
- The political system hated Jesus, made him a criminal & killed him
- The Bible never tells me to change the world through the political system
- Throughout Jesus’ life, He lived as a citizen of heaven who was just passing through earth
- When the laws of earth clashed with the laws of heaven, Jesus always lived out the laws of heaven. Always
- ***Jesus said (to President Pilate) “You would have no power over Me at all unless it were given to you from above.” John chapter 19 verse 11 (827)***

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What are the laws of heaven? In heaven, blessed are the poor, those who mourn, the humble, those who work for justice, the merciful, those with pure hearts, those who work for peace, those who don't store up their treasure on earth, those who don't judge others, those who don't resist evil, those who walk the additional mile, those that love their enemies, those that give to those who ask ~ *Jesus teaching in Matthew chapters 5, 6 & 7*

⊗ How can we call Jesus Lord & Savior and the Son of God...then say that He doesn't understand what it takes to live in the world today??

But Rob, that stuff is just for heaven... it's future...it doesn't work here now!!!

- ***Jesus said, “You are the light of the world, like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew chapter 5 verses 14-16 (736)***
- ***Jesus said, “Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” Matthew chapter 6 verses 9 & 10 (737)***
- ***Jesus said, “I pray that they will all be one, just as You and I are one, as You are in Me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in us so that the world will believe You sent Me.” John chapter 17 verse 21 (825)***
- ***Three things will last forever, faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians chapter 13 verse 13 (878)***
- ***Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Philippians chapter 1 verse 27 (899)***
- ***We are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. Philippians chapter 3 verse 20 (901)***

Next week: Our study “How would Jesus Vote?” continues with a look at the topic “Hope”

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*The song used in the services this weekend was “Give me Your Eyes” by Brandon Heath*