

The Road to the Resurrection: Conflict Rising

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Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22, 29, 37-40; John 11:48

SUMMARY

Religious leaders try to trap Jesus with political, theological, and moral questions, but He refuses every box—exposing their fear of losing control and calling us from quiet resistance into full surrender to His lordship.

OVERVIEW

In the final week before the cross, Missy Carfield shows leaders attempting to corner Jesus with taxes, resurrection puzzles, and law questions. He answers without being reduced—rendering to Caesar and to God, correcting bad theology, and summing the law as love for God and neighbor.

Their real issue is control (John 11:48). She presses the church: comfort, selective obedience, and control can be our quiet ways of resisting Jesus. The One walking undeterred to the cross will not be managed—He must be Lord.

KEY POINTS

- Trap questions cannot contain Jesus; He will not be boxed or reduced
- Faithfulness includes civic responsibility and ultimate allegiance to God
- Bad theology is corrected by the God of the living
- The greatest commandments recenter everything on love of God and neighbor
- Fear of losing control often hides under religious debate
- Quiet resistance today looks like comfort, selective obedience, and control
- Full surrender matches the Lord who walked undeterred to the cross

MEMORABLE LINES

"He refused to be boxed or reduced."

"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart... and love your neighbor as yourself."

"Stop quietly resisting Jesus through comfort, selective obedience, or control."

"Fully surrender to His lordship—as He walked undeterred to the cross for us."

TAKEAWAY

Confess one way you have tried to manage Jesus instead of obeying Him—and take a concrete step of surrender in that area this week.

SOURCE

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzmoMeJsuig> (website summary (whisper audio was low-quality/hallucinated; not used for quotes)))
- Website: <https://www.baypointchurch.com/media/wdp7g5z/the-road-to-the-resurrection-conflict-rising>