

Because Christ is Raised: How the Resurrection Changes Everything

Because Christ is Raised, We Will Put Politics In Its Place

Matthew 16:1-18:4

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Inquirer: Why do you believe what you believe and do what you do?

Christian: The resurrection of Jesus.

The Political Landscape Jesus Encounters

Pharisees: We can make Israel great again by returning to the traditions of our past and carefully following rules and rituals in preparation for the Messiah who will agree with us and deliver us from foreign invaders. Popular with the people.

Sadducees: Israel is great now and we don't need a Messiah, so we will continue to be progressive and pragmatic in accommodating the culture and cooperating with Rome. Popular with the elite.

Summary: Jesus was hated by both political parties because he called out both of them on their misinterpretation of Scripture, deception, double standards, and hypocrisy. The Pharisees thought he was too much like a Sadducee and the Sadducees thought he was too much like a Pharisee. If Jesus is right, then both political parties are wrong. Therefore, they were willing to join forces to silence Jesus.

Five Things (Among Many) The Resurrection Proves

1. Jesus is right about the political _____ (16:1–12).
2. Jesus is above all political _____ (16:13–17).
3. Jesus' church takes priority over _____ (16:18–28).
4. Jesus' agenda conquers political _____ (17:1–27).
5. Jesus' followers bring humility to the political _____ (18:1-4).