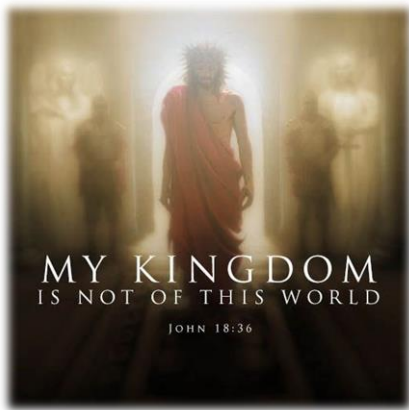


IS JESUS A REPUBLICAN OR A DEMOCRAT?



That's ridiculous!

Jesus is **neither** a Republican nor a Democrat!

Are you sure?

Some churches insist that Jesus is commanding them to vote Republican, others insist Jesus is charging them to vote Democrat.

Seems like Jesus has a political agenda.

But which one is it?

It's true, one does hear a lot about "Christian Values" these days.

But again, it seems that Christians are hardly in agreement about which values top the list and *which ones can be compromised*.

Where is Jesus amid all this confusion?

"So you are a King?" says Pilate.

***"To this end was I born, for this cause I came into the world:
to bear witness to the truth," says Jesus.***

"What is truth?" says Pilate.



“Truth” = the Kingdom of God.

In God’s Kingdom things are done God’s way.

No deals with Satan.

No compromises to achieve a “greater good.”

*“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one comes to the Father, but by me.”*

“What is truth?” = Politics.

Politics is all about making deals to achieve power---
---this world’s power.

Jesus was offered a wonderful deal by Satan:

“Bow down before me, and I’ll give you the kingdoms of the world.”

He told Satan to get lost.

Followers of Jesus need to be clear about which kingdom they belong to:

God’s Kingdom, or the kingdom of this world?



Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

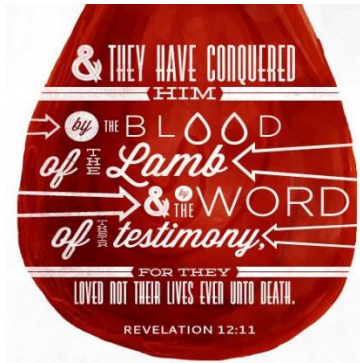
And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world -- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

*And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,
for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

Revelation 12:7-12



Prayer

Jesus, we repent for fervently expecting nations, parties, and leaders on this earth to bring forth your justice. Whether our fervency is focused on legislating social justice or legislating morality, we repent for compromising with dark powers, for telling ourselves the lie that the ends justify the means. Forgive us for trying to legislate instead of living your kingdom. Forgive us for our faltering faith in your coming Kingdom. Lord Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life. You and only you. Bring us into the presence of our heavenly Father. Help us to conquer this world by your blood and the word of the testimony you have given us. Keep us faithful to your kingdom to the end.



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