



Home Church Book Study

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Jesus for President

1. Compare our "political backdrop" today to Jesus' world. How do they differ? How are they similar?
2. How does your picture of Jesus change when understanding his political backdrop and the "trauma" of the area of his upbringing? (See pg 72-73)
3. Compare the 1st century world to today. Who are today's zealots; Herodians; Essenes, etc?
4. Compare the Zealot movements of his time to our "wars on terror," and our national politics. See any similarities?
5. What conflicts were evident between Jesus' kingdom, and the empire? What are some similarities seen today? How should we respond as "resident aliens?"
6. Think about "temptations." What has the Church been tempted with today? Where has she succumbed and how have we personally cooperated with this seduction? (See pg 83-86)
7. What would Jubilee look like today in our world? What would need to change in the way the Church operates.

Keep in mind for next week...

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1. Consider Jesus' teaching about life in his world (Matthew 5-7) and compare them to our social, political, national, global, and militaristic attitudes.
2. Think through our prophetic voice to the culture around us as it relates to our "political imagination." (See pg 94)
3. Place yourself into Jesus' "Kingdom Parables." How are these realized in our walk and in our true "citizenship?"

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