

**Your Politics
What Would Jesus Say?
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C. S. Lewis: "Let the Christian begin by treating ... Patriotism or Pacifism as part of his religion. Then let him, under the influence of partisan spirit, come to regard it as the most important part. Then quietly and gradually nurse him on to the stage at which the religion becomes merely part of the 'Cause,' in which Christianity is valued chiefly because of the excellent arguments it can produce in favor of the British war-effort or of Pacifism."

Political Parties in Jesus' Time:

- **Galileans**
- **Herodians**
- **Pharisees**
- **Sadducees**
- **Zealots**
- **Publicans**

John 18:33-36 (NIV) Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him, "Are You the king of the Jews?"³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about Me?"³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed You over to me. What is it You have done?"³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now My kingdom is from another place."

5 Ways of Living for First-Century Christians (Larry Hurtado in "Destroyer of the gods"):

- **Multi-ethnic worship: Revelation 5:9**
- **Marriage: Ephesians 5:32**
- **Poor: Matthew 25**
- **Unborn: Psalm 139**
- **Peace: Matthew 5:9**

Tony Evans: "Jesus did not come to take sides; He came to take over."

Remember that Jesus and His kingdom get our first allegiance.

Acts 4:20 (NIV) "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

We can be convinced and kind at the same time.

Romans 14:3-5 (NIV) The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.

We must engage issues more than just politically.

