

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1345: Should Christians Be Politically Driven?

See:



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1. How was Israel governed through the years after God led them out of slavery in Egypt?
What was their situation under Rome during Jesus' first advent?
2.
 - a. Describe who the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees were. Summarize their differences.
 - b. Describe the two groups who were organized as a result of Roman rule.
 - c. How did the five groups react to the message of John the Baptist? (Matthew 3:7-10, Luke 3:12-13,7:28-30)
3. What did these groups think of Jesus?
 - a. Scribes – why did they say Jesus was possessed? Why did they hate Jesus? (Mark 3:20,22, 11:18)
 - b. Pharisees – how did they see Jesus? Why did they want to kill him? (Matthew 9:1, John 11:47-53)
 - c. Sadducees – what did they ask of Jesus? Why did they want to kill him? (Matthew 16:1, 26:3-5)
 - d. Publicans – how did some of the tax collectors feel about Jesus? Why is this surprising? (Luke 15:1)
 - e. Zealots – what was the position of the Zealots towards Jesus?
4. What did Jesus give to individuals who came to him, no matter which group they were from?
What was the opportunity missed by the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees? (Luke 10:25-26, Matthew 9:10, 16:6,21,23:13)
5. Explain how Jesus dealt with the two Scribes who came to him. (Mark 12:34, Matthew 8:18-20)
 - a. Who were the two Pharisees Jesus dealt with individually? Discuss. (John 19:38-40, Acts 9:3-6)
 - b. How did the two Publicans interact with Jesus? (Matthew 9:9, Luke 3:13, Luke 19:5-10)
 - c. Who was Simon the Zealot? (Luke 6:15)
 - d. What did several of these men have in common? What is the lesson for us at this time?
6. How did Jesus interact with Pilate—describe their exchange: How did Jesus clarify his mission?
What does this mean for us? (John 18:33-36)
7. How are you an “ambassador for Christ”? As ambassadors for Christ, what should our behavior be? Why?
(2 Corinthians 5:17-20, John 17:16, Philippians 3:20-21, Luke 20:21-25, Romans 13:6-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17)
8. What does being “in the world but not of the world” mean in your life? Do you act as though your citizenship is in heaven, or do you have many ties to this earth which are difficult to break? If we live for a higher kingdom, how should we act towards the government we live under? If we support the governments on the earth now, what are we in effect doing?