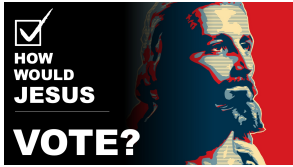


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Is Jesus a Democrat or a Republican?

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So Pilate, the governor, went out to them and asked, "What is your charge against this man?"

"We wouldn't have handed him over to you if he weren't a criminal!" they retorted. "Then take him away and judge him by your own law," Pilate told them.

"Only the Romans are permitted to execute someone," the Jewish leaders replied. Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him.

Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world." John 18:29-33, 36 (NLT)

Two kingdoms...
Kingdom of Men.
Kingdom of God.

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Isaiah 40:26

All the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. Isaiah 40:15

"They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." -Jesus, John 17:16

"Jesus didn't come to take sides. He came to take over."
-Tony Evans

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." -Jesus, Luke 12:32

If my kingdom is NOT of this world...

I don't get freaked out about this world's kingdoms.



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"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." -Jesus, John 17:16 (NIV)

I'll campaign for the right kingdom.

"Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Respond to Jesus who didn't come to take sides but to take over your life.

Discussion Starters for your LifeGroup and Accountability Time...

What for you is the hardest thing about this election year?

Do you think the society in which Jesus lived was less or more politically tense? Why do you think Jesus didn't speak up more about politics?

The 'kingdom of God' is a big deal in the Bible. What is it and how is it different than the 'kingdom of men'?

Do you agree that your anxiety, fear and your anger over what happens in a couple of weeks reveals what kingdom is most important to you.

Why do you think we get so stressed and anxious about the world's condition?

If Jesus really did "take over" all of my life, how would that have an effect on my fears and frustrations about what's going on in the world?