

MESSAGE NOTES

JANUARY 16, 2022

HOT TAKES | JESUS ON POLITICS

INTRODUCTION

BIG IDEA: Politics Divides, Jesus Unites

OVERVIEW

WHAT JESUS TAUGHT:

1. **He is God's promised king.**
 - *"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"* (Mark 1:15)
2. **His kingdom is not of this world.**
 - Matthew 26:50-55
 - John 18:33-26
 - Isaiah 52:7
 - Daniel 7:14
 - *"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* (Matthew 16:18, ESV)
3. **Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.**
 - Matthew 22:15-22
 - John 19:11
 - *"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."* (Romans 13:1, NLT)
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-3
 - *"We must obey God rather than human beings!"* (Acts 5:29b)
 - *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."* (Mark 12:30-31)

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Refuse to be tied to political power—Jesus did, so must we!
2. Pray and preserve our unity. (John 17:20-23, Ephesians 4:3)
 - a. Refuse the temptation to cancel.
 - b. Listen, Learn and Love
 - i. "Where you stand depends on where you sit." (Rufus Miles)
3. Celebrate that we are a church for all people—politics included.