



“The Politics of Jesus”

Mark 15:1-5 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –After Jesus’ arrest, He was taken to the Sanhedrin where He stood trial and was convicted of Blasphemy. They couldn’t put Jesus to death, so they brought Jesus to stand trial before Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, for high treason.

I. Pilate’s First Question.

A. (15:2) “Are you the king of the Jews?”
Lit: “You are the King of the Jews?”

B. What Pilate is asking:

C. Jesus’ answer is deliberately ambiguous.
“You are saying it.”

D. The first lesson of Jesus’ politics:
Ambiguity - - Yes and No.

II. Pilate’s Second Question.

A. “Do you make no answer?”

B. Jesus’ answer is no answer!

C. Pilate is “amazed,” a word meaning “to marvel at.”

D. From Jesus’ answer we learn the second thing about His politics: It is better to lay down your power to serve others than to take power to serve yourself.

E. Becoming change-agents in society begins by following Jesus’ example.

Conclusion.