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### Is Jesus Political?

Dear Pastor,

OK, I (Dave) confess, the subject line was intended to get your attention. Did it? How would you answer that question?

I answer it NO. And Yes. He isn't political in the sense of advocating for a particular party or political policy. But He was political in some of the issues He addressed. He made it clear that paying taxes was appropriate. He was clear that governmental authority comes from God. He gave us an example of praying for God's Kingdom to come, elevating it over any earthly king or kingdom. He even called Herod a fox! I could go on, but I think you get the idea.

Further, I think we rightly remember that all of God's Word is also Jesus' Word. Paul and Peter, inspired by God, had some very specific and clarifying things to say about government. I think one of the most important is that we are to pray for those in authority, because God is not willing that any should perish—not even politicians (I Tim. 2:1-4)!

Who is running for office in your state assembly district? Are you praying for the candidates? If the state senator in your district is up for election, are you praying for those candidates? One of them will be elected, and it might not be the one you would choose. Wouldn't it be great to show up at the Capitol and tell that person you were praying for them even during the campaign season? How might you pray for him/her now? You could pray that they will recognize their responsibility before God to legislate in ways that will respect His truth. You could pray that all candidates for office will put their faith in Jesus, if they have not already done so. You can pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them. You can pray for their protection as they travel and for the health and well-being of their families and their family relationships. Praying for politicians doesn't make you political. It makes you gospel-centered.

So, is Jesus political? Not in the popular understanding of that word. But otherwise in a very real sense He is. How could it be otherwise for the One Who is King of kings and Lord of lords?

In Christ,



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PS: We are grateful for the good attendance at our event in Appleton last week. Between now and early November, we'll be visiting five more Wisconsin cities. We hope you will join us as Julaine Appling equips Christians to "own" their backyard for Christ's glory. If you live in or near Green Bay, Eau Claire, Oshkosh, or La Crosse, we hope you and some of your church family can join us. Click [HERE](#) for details and to register for any of our upcoming events.

PPS: We have some excellent resources relative to the November election. Check them out on our Wisconsin Family Council website under the Election Central tab [HERE](#). We encourage you to be encouraging your church family to Honor God with their votes in this election and every election.

PPPS: On October 26, join us for a Lunch with a Purpose where we will talk with Dr. Wayne Grudem. Dr. Grudem is widely known and respected in evangelical circles. He currently serves as Distinguished Research Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies at Phoenix Seminary in Phoenix, Arizona. We'll have an hour of discussion and answers to questions like should pastors and churches engage politically? What is a truly biblical position on this and related questions? Prepare to be informed and inspired by one of America's leading evangelical theologians on this oft-times controversial topic. Register [HERE](#).