

If Jesus Were Running for President, Would He Win?

By Allen Webster

Would one be elected today who held the beliefs Jesus held?

Government/Society

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matthew 7:12). "Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). "All thy commandments are righteousness" (Psalms 119:172). "All the nations that forget God" shall be turned aside (Psalms 9:17). Jesus' teachings were designed for individuals, not governments, yet if all citizens—including politicians—followed His doctrines, the nation and world would improve overnight.

Racism

Jesus saw all men—Jews, Samaritans, Gentiles—as made in God's image (Genesis 1:26) and as sinners needing redemption (Romans 3:22–23). A seemingly chance meeting with a Samaritan woman at a well (John 4) shows Jesus dealing with the three major barriers among people:

Racial: Hatred between Jews and Samaritans had existed for centuries. Most Jews avoided traveling through Samaria at all.

Sexual: Samaritan women were seen as unclean from the cradle (Mishnah Niddah 4:1). Most Jewish men would not talk publicly with any woman (John 4:27), especially not a Samaritan woman.

Religious: The temple on Mount Gerizim was a point of contention to the Jews from the time of its construction. Seizing the opportunity to tease a thirsty man, the woman brought up these differences (John 4:19–24). She thought it was sheer need that compelled Him to ask her for water, but Jesus' kind acceptance led her to believe He was the Messiah (4:9, 11, 19, 24). Later, this led many others in Sychar to follow Him (4:39).

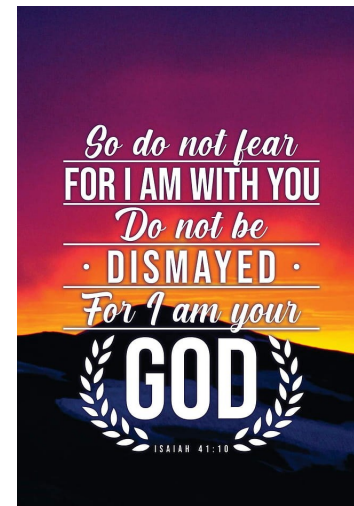
Economics

The prevailing view of Jesus as a Socialist is off-target. Jesus was not a Socialist—nor a Democrat, Republican, or any political entity. He is a monarch who did not advocate any form of earthly government. His kingdom is not "of this world" (John 18:36) for He was "not of this world" (John 8:23).

Socialism and Christianity differ in freedom of choice. Socialist governments take and redistribute wealth. Christianity leaves the one with money a choice. The gospel encourages and fosters a giving spirit (2 Corinthians 8:3) but does not coerce it.

Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Tiffany Pleasant has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She is having tests to determine the best treatment.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene Butler, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Bob Robbins.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Marian Luna, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger.
- ♦ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Cyprus Spring. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven in West Plains; Irene Corp in Care Manor.



THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW JESUS
COMING TOWARD HIM AND SAID,
"LOOK, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO
TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE
WORLD!
- JOHN 1:29

Jesus' teachings encourage work for wages: "The laborer is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7; cf. Proverbs 16:26). A landowner in Jesus' parable had the right to do what he wanted to with his money (Matthew 20:15; cf. Naboth, 1 Kings 21). At the same time, Jesus strongly opposed greed. "A man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses" (Luke 12:15).

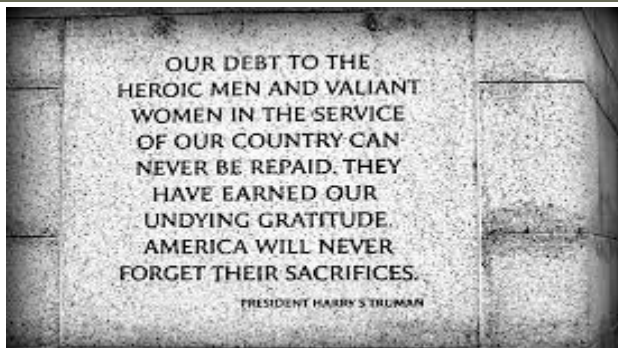
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Birthdays		Anniversaries	
11-5	Bill Cockrum	11-4	Jim and Debra Lane
11-7	Wanda Beard	11-16	Tinker and Karen Langston
11-8	Ashley Hossman	11-30	Harold and Mary Ann Reynolds
11-13	Kay Young	Birthdays	
11-15	Kelly Lemberg	11-24	Lincoln Gosdin (3)
11-21	Merle Scott	11-25	Henry Flaughner
11-22	Larry Butler		

Pat and Jim Kirkland will be serving roast pork loin, vegetables, and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper.

Date	Event	Details
Wed. Nov. 20, 6 p.m. No supper or classes here.	Community Thanks-giving Service with food after.	Halbert speaking at Lilly Ridge Service. Bring food to share.
Wed. Dec. 18	Christmas Play	More info coming

**Thank You
to all
Veterans**



November Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

11-3 David Stevens
11-10 Don Luna
11-17 John Abraham
11-24 Mark Lane

Communion & Closing Prayer

Vance Hambelton
Tinker Langston
D. E. Pleasant
Titus Smith

Song Leader: Andrew Eller
Greeters: Dana & Marsha Crisp

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***Jesus Is the Lamb of God***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#180, *Jesus Is Lord*

#979, *I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

#340, *Ten Thousand Angels*; Communion Service

#176, *Lamb of God*

Sermon and Invitation

#924, *Just As I Am*

#373, *A Hill Called Mount Calvary*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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