

## Great Encounters with Jesus, pt 2

### Encounters to inform an election year

#### Jesus' political configuration of disciples.

Jews, a Zealot and a tax collector

Jesus did not make their orientation on politics a litmus test to their "fishing for men."

#### Jesus refused to be a political leader. (Jn 18:33–37)

1-on-1 with Pilate: *My kingdom is not of this world.*"

Pilate sought a political conversation. Jesus turned it to a spiritual one.

Jesus is a King, but He refused to rule a nation.

What about His model prayer?

Revelation 5:8-10

The challenge of dual citizenship (Phil 3:17-21)

## Render to Ceasar what is his and to God what is God's.

Matthew 22:15-22

The trap

Herodians

Pharisees

Recognize the God-given authority and power of government but keep God in His rightful place.

### What should we do?

Pray

Pursue righteousness

Prioritize mission (as Jesus did)

Pilgrim mindset

Passionate worship

Patriotism – it's not Christian Nationalism

### Take it Home

God has set eternity in our hearts and Jesus alone is our Savior. No candidate or party or government or nation can take His place.