

The Examination of the Lamb

Matthew 22:15-40

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The Lamb is examined in three categories:

Politics

Jesus supported the government

Matthew 22:15 Then the Pharisees went and counseled together how they might trap Him in what He said.

¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.

¹⁷ "Tell us therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?

¹⁹ "Show Me the coin *used* for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius.

²⁰ And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?"

²¹ They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

²² And hearing *this*, they marveled, and leaving Him, they went away.

Jesus supported the government because He instituted it

Romans 13:1 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

⁵ Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience ' sake.

⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Jesus supported the government even if it did some evil things

Matthew 10:17 "But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to *the* courts, and scourge you in their synagogues;

¹⁸ and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

Matthew 24:9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name.

Religion

Jesus believed the Bible

Matthew 22:23 On that day *some* Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Him and questioned Him,

²⁴ saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies, having no children, his brother as next of kin shall marry his wife, and raise up an offspring to his brother.'

²⁵ "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother;

²⁶ so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.

²⁷ "And last of all, the woman died.

²⁸ "In the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven shall she be? For they all had her."

²⁹ But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.

³⁰ "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

³¹ "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

³² 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

³³ And when the multitudes heard *this*, they were astonished at His teaching.

Jesus believed the Bible is accurate and trustworthy

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

¹⁸ "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

2 Peter 1:20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation,

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Jesus believed that according to the Bible there is a resurrection

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²² But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Jesus believed that according to the Bible there is something better than marriage in the resurrection

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus,
⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 2:9 ..."Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

Jesus believed that according to the Bible there is a resurrection and, therefore, a judgment

Matthew 22:12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And he was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Priorities

Jesus focused on relationships

Matthew 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves together.

³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him *a question*, testing Him,

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

³⁹ "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."