

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

Jesus supported the government even if it did some evil things

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.

Jesus believed that according to the Bible there is a r_____

What happens to a believer at death?

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.

What happens to a believer when Jesus returns?

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.

What happens to a believer after the millennium?

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.

² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,

⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be *any* death; there shall no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Jesus believed that according to the Bible there is something b_____ 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 j_____

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.

¹⁴ And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Priorities

Jesus focused on r_____

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."

Our greatest priority is to love G_____

Deuteronomy 6:1 "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded *me* to teach you, that you might do *them* in the land where you are going over to possess it,
² so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

³ "O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do *it*, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, *in* a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴ "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

⁵ "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

⁶ "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

⁷ and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

⁸ "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

⁹ "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Our second greatest priority is to love o_____ a_____

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² And if I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³ And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails

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