

Jesus, Violence and Power

Matthew 16:13-28

Historical, Spiritual, Political?

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Panias



Herod Philip – Caesarea Philippi



‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’

¹⁴ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’



Felix Mendelssohn



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¹⁷ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.



Peter's Confession

Messiah = the one anointed as liberating king

Christ the King!

Theological

...and Political (Jesus is King – not Ceasar)

Christ the King



²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!'

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Do we chase the Christ we want?



Jesus Christ Superman

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Christ the King



24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'

25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

We are Peter...

I err therefore I am.

Saint Augustine

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Who do you say I am?

WHY

JESUS?

Because he is Messiah, Christ and King

TOM WRIGHT

The gospel Story of Jesus Christ *is a story about Jesus as Messiah, Jesus as Lord, Jesus as Saviour, and Jesus as Son...* If I had to sum up the Jesus of the gospel, I would say "King Jesus." Or I would say "Jesus is Lord" or "Jesus is Messiah and Lord."

Scot McKnight

Getting to the heart of the gospels

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