

# Is the Church Too Political?



Micah 4 | 1 Peter 2 | Matthew 5

# Defining Politics

Debate or **Conflict**

Concerning **Power**

To **inspire, define, and legislate**

Our shared **life together**

# Politics & Partisanship

Politics as...

*Participation*

*Entertainment*

*Religion*

# Politics & Partisanship

US

vs.

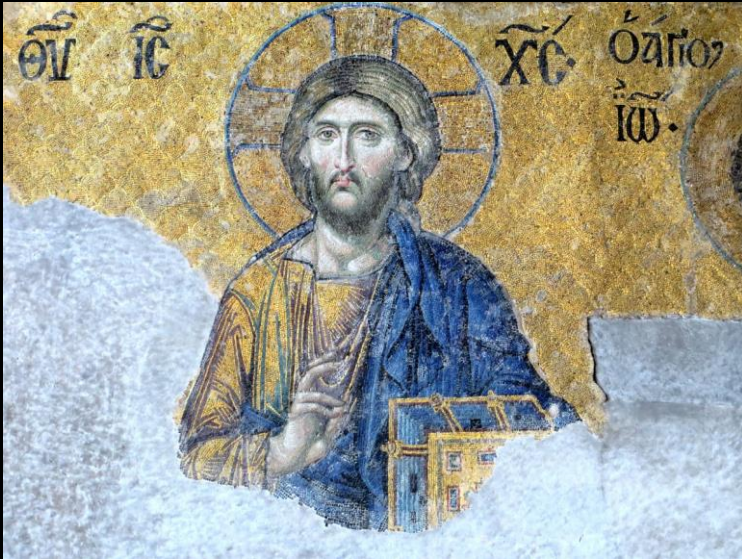
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# Jesus and the Kingdom

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

- Matt. 4:17

The kingdom within a kingdom, and the kingdom above all kingdoms.



# Jesus and the Kingdom

## The Greatest Kingdom

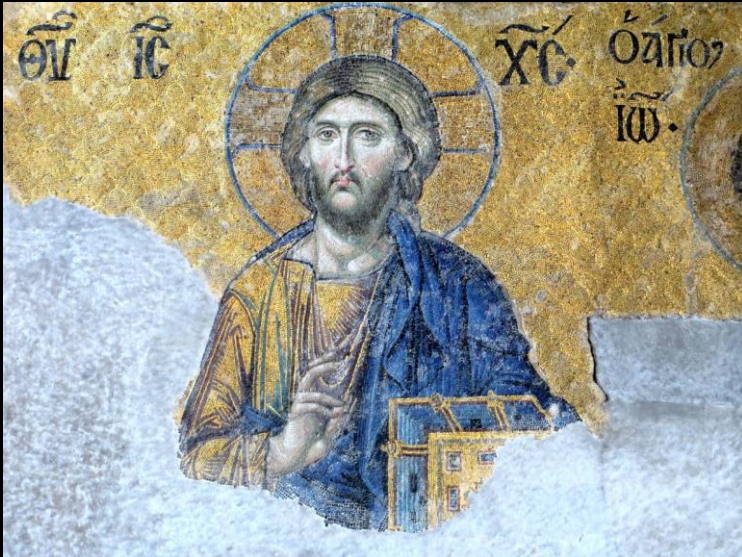
Micah 4 | Daniel 7

## The Privileged Kingdom

1 Peter 2 | Matt 5

## The Beautiful Kingdom

1 Peter 2 | Matt 5



# Partisanship Replaces Jesus



Keeps us from hearing his voice

Keeps us from loving our neighbor

Renders us useless

# Remaining Faithful to Jesus in a world of political idolatry

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Pray
3. Fill in the Blanks
4. Love and honor “them”
5. Pay attention to your emotions
6. Pay attention to the time
7. Prioritize the poor and outcast



# Remaining Faithful and Fruitful in a world of political idolatry

Fill in the Blanks:

I generally vote for [R/D/L] because  
as a follower of Jesus I'm concerned  
about \_\_\_\_\_. But I respect the  
other side when it comes to

\_\_\_\_\_.

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