

“Immediately:” The Gospel of Mark’s Concise Guide to Following Jesus
Political Jesus vs. Biblical Jesus

Mark 3:6–21

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Mark did not write his gospel for the church at Rome in a political vacuum. He understands that following Christ in the first century required Christians to wisely navigate the political terrain. The call to pledge allegiance to Christ as King could easily be misinterpreted by some as a revolt against Rome. Politicizing Jesus invites division, distraction, and destruction into the church. Consider the political parties Jesus is dealing with in this morning’s passage.

Pro–Rome	Pro–Rome	Anti–Rome	Anti–Rome
Herodians	Sadducees	Pharisees	Zealots
Strategy: Cooperation	Strategy: Cooperation	Strategy: Accommodation	Strategy: Rebellion

1. Jesus didn’t come to join _____ but to join _____.
2. The parties are joined by either _____ Jesus or _____ Jesus.
3. Those who fight Jesus attempt to force him into their _____.
4. Those who follow Jesus submit their _____ to him.