

John 66 - We Have No King But Caesar

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John 19:16-22

Prologue

- Previous lesson discussed the lots of the goats
 - Goat of Azazel - Barabbas: Sent into the wilderness
 - Goat of Yahweh - Christ: Selected as the sin sacrifice
- Another decision was made: Who was the Jew's King
 - This decision was made in the distant past
 - This decision continues into the future, even for us

Bearing His Stauros

- Pilate delivered Christ to the Jews for execution
- Jesus dragged his tree {pole} (Nu 21:18; Ps 22:6-8)
- Christ was executed in between two thieves on Golgotha (Skull)



Artist rendition of actual Roman execution
Changed into Latin *crux* or English *cross*
Christ the snake on pole Moses made for healing those who were dying; looking at the snake in faith healed

However, Before the Execution...

- Pilate asked the Jews, "Shall I kill {σταυρώω} your King?"
 - The Chief priests, the Pharisees and the mob screamed, "We have no king but Caesar."
 - This is not the first time the Jews had made this declaration
 - The Jews are not the only ones to have made this declaration either

Adam First Rejected Christ

- Since no one has seen the Father at any time, Adam was taught truth by Christ {Opening Hymn} (Jo 1:18)
 - Adam sinned knowingly; he saw the absolute change in Woman and chose to reject Christ as King (Ge 3:1-7; ITI 2:13-14)
 - Adam, and all people through him, chose Lucifer as their king (Jo 1:18-25; 6:6, 16)
 - Each person reaffirms this choice; choosing sin's slavery

Cain Also Rejected Christ

- Cain, the *supposed* conqueror of Lucifer also rejected God from being his King [Lord] { מֶלֶךְ, Melek } (Ge 4:1-16)
 - When God chose Abel {Worthless} over him, Cain hated both God and his chosen one
 - God counseled Cain to control his sin, anger
 - Cain did not appeal to Christ in his helplessness
 - Instead, he demonstrated his strength by killing Abel

Cain Instituted Government

- Cain instituted government and the position of king {leader} over his followers (Ge 4:17)
 - Laws are an attempt to enforce a morality that is not God's morality (Ro 1:18-25)
 - Religion was developed to justify a source of morality apart from God, today called philosophy
 - This politico-religious morality failed to contain man's sin; violence engulfed the world resulting in Cataclysm (Ge 6:3-8)

Postdiluvian Man Rejects God

- Noah, and his posterity, were told to fill the earth; which they refused (Ge 9:1)
 - Nimrod arose as god-king building Babel as the center of worship {Tower was a Ziggurat, ascending altar} (Ge 10:8-10, 11:1-9)
 - God instilled at least three distinct worldviews causing man to voluntarily separate
 - Each group and subgroup followed Nimrod's model of rulership: Politico-religious morality kingship model

All Governments Hate God

- All governments belong to Lucifer (Isa 48:13)
 - Inspired psalmist warns that all governments, kings and peoples, rage against God, their king, in futility (Ps 2:1-6)
 - Man's history at every strata of society confirms the truth of this statement: continually violent
 - Bible the only source to explain why this is thus
 - Out of man God called a people to be different
*This raging against God forms the backdrop of Revelation
In which the kings of the earth rage against God
During the Great Tribulation and at the end of the Millennial Kingdom*

Hebrews Called as God's Nation

- God culled the Hebrews from all the peoples as His because (Ex 7:5; De 7:6-8)
 - His plan of salvation from before creation (Ep 1:3-5)
 - His promises to Abraham (Ge 15:17-21; 17:1-8)
 - They were the smallest people of the nations (1Co 1:27-29)
- The god-king of Egypt let them go because God proved mightier; and God led them forth to Mount Horeb

The Law Made Them Unique

- The cultic aspects of the Mosaic law set the Jews apart from all other nations; however, their disbelief did not
 - While Moses was on Mt Horeb receiving the cultic law the people down below were rejecting God as King (Ex 32:1-9)
 - God declared the Hebrews to be a stiff-necked people (Ex 34:8-10)
 - Their history proved this to be correct, as for all sinners

Israel Rejects God as King

- The period of the Judges failed because the Jews rejected God as King and His Law as their basis of truth; instead, choosing man's truth, idolatry
 - Thus, after several cycles of sin, defeat, repentance and victory the tribal leaders sought a king from Samuel (1Sa 8:4-7)
 - Samuel prayed to God who told him that the people had not rejected Samuel but Him from being King

Stoning of Stephen for Truth

- Stephen recounts the history of the Jews' rebellion against God down to his day (Ac 7)
 - They were a stiff-necked people throughout their history
 - God sent them prophets to guide them back to the Way whom they persecuted, ignored and/or killed (Lk 11:47-51; He 1:1)
 - They continually resisted God's Spirit to their own destruction; then they killed Stephen for his truth

Another Rejection of God

- Thus, when Pilate asked them if he should kill their king they replied truthfully, they had no king but Lucifer
 - Caesar was but the current front-man for king Lucifer
 - The High Priests rejected Christ for the nation
- But God was not done emphasizing their rejection of Him

Pilate adds a Sign

- The heart of the king is in the hands of the Lord and He directs the king according to His will (Pr 21:1)
 - While Pilate's decision was from his scoffing nature it was actually from the Lord
- Pilate had a sign placed on Jesus' stauros in three languages: Hebrew, Latin and Greek
 - The King of the Jews

Jews Rejected the Sign

- The Chief Priests rejected the notion that Christ was their King, just as their fathers before them had rejected God as their King
 - Their alternative: *He said* he was king of the Jews
- God, via Pilate, held firm and all who passed by the stauros could read His Title and sinners rejoiced that they were killing God, King of the Jews (Jn 22: 7-8; Rv 11:1-11)

Israel to Live Without a King

- Hosea (Joshua) prophesied that Israel would exist a long time without (Ho 3:4-5)
 - King or prince (Scattered, not a nation)
 - Sacrifice (No Temple)
- Afterward God would call them forth in the latter days
 - They shall seek the Lord their God
 - They shall seek David as their king (Vice-regent)

They Shall Mourn for their King

- Zechariah describes how the *True* Jews will mourn in repentance when they look on Him whom they had pierced (Executed on the stauros) (Zc 12:10)
 - The *False* Jews eliminated by Antichrist (Rv 11:8,18:1-18)
 - Returning Christ recognized as the Logos of God (Jn 1:1; Rv 19:11-13)
- All shall rejoice in their King at the annual Sukkoth (Zc 14:18)

One Decision–Many Ramifications

- Jesus had plainly told the leaders in the Temple that He was sent from God, the Father (Jo 8:14-18)
 - They could not follow where He was going because they did not know Him (Jo 8:21-24)
 - They could not know of Him for they were of their father, the Devil (Satan – Lucifer) (Jo 8:44)
 - They were not of His sheep and thus could not hear His voice (Understand the truth of His message) (Jo 10:21-33)

Today, If You Will Hear...

- Jesus, always a message of hope *if* you hear His voice... (He 4:6-11)
 - God promises *Today* to save His people, bringing them into the New Covenant; like Paul (1Co 15:8-9)
 - Jews saved today are brought into Christ's Church just as Paul
- Yet, the *False Jews* of today seek alliance with Lucifer

The Call Goes into the World

- For Jews Gentiles there is also a call that goes into the world (Jo 3:16)
 - Those other sheep, Gentiles, will hear His voice and enter His rest, salvation
 - Jew and Gentile in this age (First Fruits Dispensation) are one in Christ (Ro 1:36-37; 10:11-13; Ga 3:27-29)
 - But for all who reject Christ as King there is only tribulation and anguish: Both Jew and Gentile (Ro 2:6-11)