

Mistakes Jesus Didn't Make

Jesus rejected three opportunities to gain power by supernatural means.

First, when interviewed by Satan, “the devil took Jesus up on a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms on earth and their power.”

The devil said, “I will give all this to you, if you will bow down and worship me.”
Matthew 4:8-9.

Our modern political parties constantly face this same kind of challenge – to sacrifice doing what is right in order to gain power. Jesus didn't fall for that one.

Second, when Jesus performed the miracle of feeding five thousand people using only five loaves and two small fish, the people promptly determined to “take him by force, to make him a king”. John 6:15. Jesus rejected this. Their enthusiasm was only in his supernatural powers.

Third, when Jesus was arrested in Jerusalem, tens of thousands of angels were available to defend him. Matthew 26:51-53. But Jesus had come to Jerusalem for only one purpose – “to give his life a ransom for many”. Mark 10:45.

He therefore came to introduce – not worldly political power – but the power of God to bring forgiveness of sins and restore us to a right relationship with our Creator.

The power of God's love far exceeds any worldly political power.

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