



## How Were Politics Part of Jesus' Crucifixion?

**Luke 23:2:** (NASB) *And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a King.*



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Thinking about the death of Jesus always produces a variety of emotions. On one hand, we feel a deep sense of gratitude, hope and praise, for without his willing sacrifice and ignominious death we would all remain under the sentence of sin with no possible way out. In short, we, and the entire human race would be doomed to destruction. On the other hand, when we think of his death we feel the dull persistent aching pain of sadness, for we know that Jesus was an entirely innocent man who was subject to the most unfair and devious kinds of deception, mistreatment and torture. Did you ever wonder what was behind the events that brought Jesus to the point of crucifixion? Did you ever think about who did what and why to position the savior of all mankind as an enemy of the state?

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