



Collusion or Collision  
The King of Collision: Jesus  
From Sermon 6.13.21

Read *Luke 20:17-19*

Review from Sunday's sermon: With all the collision characters we've already looked at, no one compares to our King of Collision: Jesus. He is the rock—the symbolic cornerstone—on which every human will crash or be crushed. In the Old Testament world, during His earthly ministry, and now, in the Age of the Church, you will either come to Him crushed, broken, spiritually bankrupt, and humble...Or, you will be utterly crushed by Him in the Judgment. Because we are Christ-followers, we will collide with all the institution He did.

1. Why did Jesus clash with every sphere and aspect of human life? It's the eternal battle of Holy vs. sin. The kingdom of Satan vs. the sovereignty of God. For now, it is to be exposed and the battle fought. In the end, every aspect will be destroyed. See also *2 Peter 3:10-13*

2. Read *Mark 13:9-13*. Have you ever experienced conflict with family regarding your faith? Share your story.

2a. Note: there exists a great fear regarding many in the Church's future = many will fail, compromise, and collude when a spouse, child, parent, or friend forces the ultimatum of "It's either Jesus or me". See *Luke 14:26-30* & Discuss

3. Discuss the on-again/off-again relationship Jesus had with the community. Various answers and insights. But, include: they love Him when He was providing, delivering, feeding, and healing. They rejected Him when He wasn't the conquering leader they wanted. And, even more so, rejected Him when He called on them for personal change and repentance. They reject the exclusivity of Jesus Christ.

3a. How does that relate to the Church today? The community/culture will tolerate the church that is doing humanitarian outreach—food bank, addressing homelessness/addiction, providing some needed service. But, that church must have a liberal doctrine and be accepting of all in membership. When the Church preaches the Gospel, defines sin as God does in Scripture, calls on hearers to repent, or proclaims a coming judgment, they will villainize and attempt to cancel the truth.

4. With what group did Jesus collide most often and most fiercely? The Religious leaders. Why? They had no relationship with God, yet claimed to speak for Him and represent Him. They had added tradition and elevated it over the Word. They were concerned with image, power, and collusion. See also *Luke 20:45-47, Mark 7:6-9, & John 11:47-50*

4a. What lesson is there for us? Various personal answers

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5. Who were the two main civic leaders that encountered Jesus? Herod and Pilate.

5a. Discuss Jesus' encounters with each.

5b. How has the modern church already clashed with the governing authorities? Various answers. Free speech, definition of sin, definition of marriage and family, authority to restrict attendance. Soon they'll remove giving as "tax deductible", if the church is considered hate speech.