



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3, Episode 27

It's All About The Benjamins

We don't fully understand what it's like to live under an emperor. Today, we'll talk about emperor worship in the 1st century and what would happen if you opposed the Caesars of Rome.

Introduction

Recap: Last week on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, we discussed Mary's Magnificat and the connections with Hannah's Old Testament prayer.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

What are some similarities and differences in living under the 1st century Roman government and modern day governments?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud **Luke 2:1-4**.

Why was it important for Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem to have Jesus?

How do you think Mary and Joseph felt about having to make the trip to Bethlehem?

Have someone read aloud **Leviticus 12:8** and **Luke 2:21-24**.

How do the Levitical Laws help bring context to the New Testament?

Are there other Levitical Laws that help bring context to the New Testament?

(Example: Leviticus 11:1-4 and Matthew 15:17-20)



Application:

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

How do we see the worship of government or money today?

What does it look like to trust in God above your government or finances?

What are you tempted to place your trust in instead of God?

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time sharing prayer requests and pray as a group. Here is a prompt:

Pray that our trust would be in the Lord above finances, government, jobs, and all else.

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Resources

Catch up on Seasons 1 and 2 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* [webpage](#).

The Forgotten Jesus Book

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life into Jewish men and women. You can buy it [here](#).

Gospel Parallels by Throckmorton

Gospel Parallels highlights differences and similarities in language and chronology between the first three Gospels. You can buy it [here](#).

