

Matthew Modine's Movie *Jesus Was a Commie*: A Reply by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

No one has to see this movie to know that Jesus Christ was NOT a Marxist-Communist. False claims about Jesus' teaching have always been circulated by the Devil: that Jesus would rebuild the physical temple building in Jerusalem (**John 2:18-22**; **Mark 15:29-30**); or that Jesus Christ stirred up the people from Galilee to Jerusalem (**Luke 23:4-15**).

But "some of the guard" during whose watch Jesus had been resurrected from the dead were given "a large sum of money" to lie that Jesus' disciples had stolen Jesus' body instead (**Matthew 28:11-15**). Matthew Modine is, no doubt, greatly benefiting monetarily from his blasphemous perversion of Jesus' teaching. Jesus Christ was nowhere near being a Marxist-Communist, for:

1. He never forced "rich" people to give up their wealth to "equalize" with the "poor." He lived under Moses' Law, and it taught that the poor could be loaned (not given!) money, but not charged interest (**Exodus 22:25**). It also demanded that the poor should never receive preferential treatment in a court of law (**Exodus 23:3-6**). In the Atonement census, a "national tax" was collected as an offering to the Lord, and the rich were not charged more than the poor (**Exodus 30:11-16**). Their poor were given the "leftovers" of their crop harvest, but the poor had to harvest and process it themselves (**Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22**). Regarding general good moral conduct within society, the poor were NOT to be preferred over others (**Leviticus 19:11-15**). Since there would always be poor in society, God's rule for benevolence was to have them dealt with by an open hand (**Deuteronomy 15:1-11**), but there was nothing that said the "rich" had to give up their riches so that there would no longer be any poor. Jesus repeated this truism of always having poor people in **Matthew 26:11**; **Mark 14:7**; and **John 12:8**, and if the "rich" give away all they have to the poor, there would be no one left to help anyone!
2. He taught, through His Apostle Paul (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**), that poverty is often to be associated with those who will not work (**Proverbs 10:4; 13:7-8**).
3. He never used force, violence, or mass demonstrations to kill, maim, harm, or correct "social injustices." He withdrew from the multitude that was prepared to use force to make Him their king (**John 6:14-15**); condemned the disciple who tried to protect Him from the mob with a sword (**Matthew 26:47-56**); and in **Luke 9:51-56**, Jesus stopped His disciples from destroying the village that had refused letting Him in their midst.
4. When needed to overcome covetousness (**Matthew 19:16-26**) or meet sudden the necessities of those who were converted to Christ and have left behind benevolence under Moses (**Acts 2:38-45**), then a voluntary selling of personal

possessions met the immediate needs. This, however, was never a provision of being a Christian, nor is a goal of following Christ to do away with poverty.

Every bit of this teaching from Jesus Christ is directly contrary to Karl Marxist-Communism practiced today.

1. Jesus condemned in His disciples the desire to be "over" others, but said

"You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them" (**Mark 10:35-45**).

Marxist- Communism seeks the total control over others that Jesus refused for His disciples.

2. Jesus condemned the use of violence against a village ("society") that rejected Him, whereas Marxist-Communism (and Islam!) seeks violence and death against any and all who stand in their way of complete domination.

3. Jesus taught that God's blessings are continually added to those who serve Him, when He said,

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (**Matthew 6:31-33**).

These essentials were not stolen from the rich but added to everyone who serves God through Jesus Christ. Whereas Marxist-Communism teaches that there is only so much wealth in the world and it must be wrenched from the hands of those who have it that it might be given to those who don't. In reality, however, the Russian ruling class, "Bolsheviks" (later Communists), were privileged while the "proletariat" (workers without possessions) were slaves of the State.

It is blasphemy (irreverent and hurtful statements about sacred things) and slander (malicious, false, and defamatory oral statements) against Jesus Christ for Matthew Modine to film and promote his project. Christians fight back with the truth, unlike Muslims, who react to such statements about their prophet Mohammed with venomous violence!

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