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The Roman Court

John 18:28-38

I. What Accusations Do You Bring? (vv. 28-32)

- A. The _____ of the Jews (v. 28) [Matt. 23:23-24]
- B. The _____ of Pilate (vv. 29-30) [Matt. 27:18; Lk. 23:2]
- C. The _____ of prophecy (vv. 31-32) [Jn. 3:14; 8:28; 12:32; Gal. 3:13; Deut. 21:23]

II. Are You the King of the Jews? (vv. 33-34)

- A. Pilate asks the most _____ question (v. 33) [Matt. 24:35; 1 Jn. 2:17]
- B. Jesus _____ the question with a question (v. 34) [Prov. 16:2; 2 Tim. 2:15]

III. What Have You Done? (vv. 35-36)

- A. Pilate shows disdain for the _____ people (v. 35) [Jn. 1:11; Matt. 23:37]
- B. Jesus shows disdain for _____ kingdoms (v. 36) [1 Jn. 2:15-17; Psa. 61:2-4; Rev. 11:15; 20:6]

IV. So You Are a King? (v. 37)

- A. I am a _____ (v. 37a) [1 Tim. 6:13]
- B. I was _____ for this (v. 37b) [Matt. 2:11; Isa. 9:6-7; Rom. 1:16]
- C. Everyone of the truth _____ to Jesus (v. 37c) [Jms. 1:22]

V What is Truth? (v. 38)

- A. The truth is _____! (v. 38a) [Jn. 15:1; 17:17]
- B. The truth is there is no _____ in Jesus! (v. 38b) [1 Pet. 2:22]

TAKE HOME

- Is there anything in your life that you are hypocritical or **legalistic** about?
- Are you more **attracted** to the kingdoms of this world or to Christ's kingdom?
- If you do believe that Jesus is King, have you **surrendered** all of your life to Him?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read John 18:28. What was so hypocritical about what the Jews were doing in this verse? How does Matthew 23:23-24 show how devastating this can be?

2. Read John 18:29-32. What was the tension that was going on between Pilate and the Jewish leaders? How does verse 32 fulfill prophecy? (Jn. 3:14; 8:28; 12:32; Gal. 3:13; Deut. 21:23)

3. Read John 18:33-34. Which “accusation” is Pilate most interested in? Why? Why does Jesus ask the question that He asks? What is Jesus getting at? (Prov. 16:2)

4. Read John 18:35-36. What does Jesus mean when He says, “My kingdom is not of this world”? (Jn. 1:11; Matt. 23:37) How can we make sure we are more focused on Christ’s kingdom than the world’s?

5. Read John 18:37. Did Jesus claim to be a king? (1 Tim. 6:13) What was Jesus born for? (Matt. 2:11; Isa. 9:6-7; Rom. 1:16) What do you believe you were born for?

6. Read John 18:38. Define truth. Why does it matter what your view of truth is? (Jn. 15:1; 17:17) Can you define truth without Jesus? Why or why not?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“He did not come to win a kingdom with the sword, and to gather adherents and followers by force. He came armed with no other weapon but ‘truth.’”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*