

The Heart of the Matter

14. In what ways can you identify yourself with Pilate? With the crowd? With the chief priests? With Jesus?

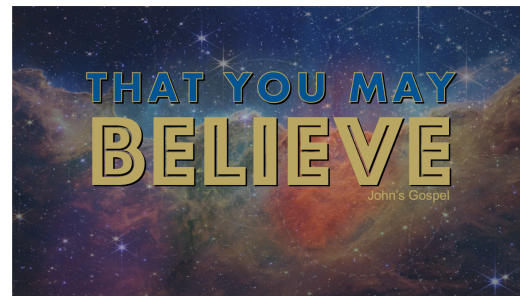
15. How does Barabbas' release at Christ's expense illustrate the Gospel in your life?

16. When have you made a decision based on fear and ambition, rather than on what is right? How do you feel about it now? How can you guard against it in the future?

17. Based on this passage what attributes of Jesus are you longing to see more of in your life?

18. Who is your King right now?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Who Is Your King? - The Trial John 18:28-19:16 For the Week of March 24, 2024

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. As a child were you ever blamed for something you didn't do?
3. Did you ever have to deal with a bully? What did you do?

Digging Deeper

4. In these verses Jesus is moving toward the crucifixion. Why did the Jews so urgently want to kill Jesus? What were they afraid of?

5. What is the irony in verse 28?

6. What reason do the Jewish leaders finally give Pilate for bringing Jesus to him? (V33-34) Why didn't the Jews kill Jesus themselves?

7. What do you think of Jesus' defense recorded in verses 18:34, 36-37?

8. What can we learn about Pilate based on his question to Jesus in verse 38?

9. In view of Pilate's convictions (18:38; 19:4,6) why would he allow Jesus to be flogged?

10. How many times did Pilate try to get out of this situation? How many times did Pilate maintain Jesus' innocence in this passage? Why didn't the Jews accept this verdict?

11. What were the implications of the threat made by the crowd in John 19:12?

12. What are the incredible implications of the chief priests' response in verse 15?

13. Who is ultimately in charge of everything that took place here in these verses? What great purpose is being worked out for you and me?