

Ordinary Faith

John 18:28-39,19:11-12

Overview: John 18:28-39,19:7-12

- This Lesson is concerned primarily with Pilate's role in Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion.
- Read John 18:28-39,19:7-12.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- Note the relationship between Pilate, Jesus, and the Jews.

Insights:

- The historical records of Pilate indicate that He was not particularly wise or kind. However, the Gospel accounts seem to shed a different light on him.
- The Jews were asking for a specific form of capital punishment when they brought Jesus to Pilate.
- Pilate declared Jesus innocent three times, but never released him.
- Pilate's Question - "What is Truth?" - is unique to John.

Explore:

- Discuss the interaction between the Jews and Pilate. What is your opinion of their relationship?
- Pilate was the only person who could condemn someone legally to crucifixion. Did Pilate have the power to stop these events?
- Discuss ways or events that show God's control over the situation.
- What is Truth? Discuss relevant truth verses absolute truth. Give example of both.
- Why would someone "hate" the Truth? Why does Jesus' Truth inspire such hate?
- How could someone "love" the Truth? What does that mean? What would produce such a love?
- Clearly Jesus is on trial, but how is Pilate on trial? How are the Jews on trial? How are we on trial?
- Fear is the most common driving force of human lives. So much of our activity is driven by fear. Is there any hope for freedom from fear?

Application:

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

Notes:

John 18:28-38 NLT - 28 Jesus' trial before Caiaphas ended in the early hours of the morning. Then he was taken to the headquarters of the Roman governor. His accusers didn't go inside because it would defile them, and they wouldn't be allowed to celebrate the Passover. 29 So Pilate, the governor, went out to them and asked, "What is your charge against this man?" 30 "We wouldn't have handed him over to you if he weren't a criminal!" they retorted. 31 "Then take him away and judge him by your own law," Pilate told them. "Only the Romans are permitted to execute someone," the Jewish leaders replied. 32 (This fulfilled Jesus' prediction about the way he would die.) 33 Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "**Are you the king of the Jews?**" he asked him. 34 Jesus replied, "Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?" 35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate retorted. "Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "**My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom**. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world." 37 Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." 38 "**What is truth?**" Pilate asked. Then he went out again to the people and told them, "**He is not guilty** of any crime."

John 19:7-12 NLT - 7 The Jewish leaders replied, "By our law he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God." 8 When Pilate heard this, he was more frightened than ever. 9 He took Jesus back into the headquarters again and asked him, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. 10 "Why don't you talk to me?" Pilate demanded. "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?" 11 Then Jesus said, "You would have **no power over me at all** unless it were given to you from above. So the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin." 12 Then Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, "If you release this man, you are no 'friend of Caesar.' Anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel **against Caesar**."

Fury! The Eye of the Storm

Who is the King?

Pilate was ordered to Kill God

(vs 31)

Pilate was Powerless

Vs 11 no power over me

*Against Manipulation
To Interrogate Jesus
To Save Jesus*

Jesus was not Guilty

(vs 36) *My Kingdom
John 19:5 We have no King but Caesar*

Where is the Kingdom

(vs 36)

What is the Truth?

Truth is Foreign

Truth is Despised

Truth LIVED!

Truth LOVED!

The Innocence of Jesus

Who is on Trial?

Jesus?

The Religion of Men

The Systems of Men

The Power of Men

Whom Shall I Fear?