

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week we considered Jesus' arrest in the garden by the soldiers and religious leaders. He was led by them to Annas and then Caiaphas to be interrogated by them. We focused last week upon Jesus' rebuke of Peter (considering the discussion of the sword and the cup) and Peter's denial of Jesus.
- * Today, we want to look at the trials themselves. Specifically, I would like to present it from the perspective of Pilate - as one who is being confronted with the truth.

INSTRUCTION**I. PILATE'S I _____ WITH THE TRUTH (v. 18:28-38a)****A. The A _____ of the Jewish Leaders (v. 28-32; cf. Luke 20:19-26; 23:2-5)**

1. THEIR FALSE ACCUSATIONS (cf. 18:19-24; cf. Matthew 26:57-66; Luke 11:53-54; 20:1-8,19-26,27-40)
2. THEIR REAL ACCUSATION (cf. 19:7)

B. The D _____ of Jesus (v. 33-37)

1. REGARDING HIS KINGDOM (cf. Luke 17:20-21; Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:12-14)
2. REGARDING HIS MISSION (cf. John 8:31-32, 40-46; 14:6; 17:17-19)
3. REGARDING HIS FOLLOWERS (cf. John 4:24; 7:17; 8:47; 10:26-27)

C. The R _____ of Pilate (v. 38a)**II. PILATE'S D _____ OF THE TRUTH (v. 18:38b - 19:6)****A. His C _____ (18:38b-40)****B. His C _____ (19:1-4)****C. His C _____ (19:5-6) ... 1. FOR CHRIST 2. FOR THE LEADERS****III. PILATE'S C _____ OF THE TRUTH (v. 19:7-16)****A. His Fear of God (v. 10-11; Job 28:28; Psalm 25:14; 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10)****B. His Fear of Man (v. 10-11; cf. Matt 10:26-33; 21:25-27; John 7:12-13; 19:38; 20:19)****INTROSPECTION**

- * WHO IS JESUS TO YOU? IS HE YOUR KING?
- * IN THE END, DO YOU MAKE DECISIONS BASED UPON A LOVE FOR GOD, OR A FEAR OF MAN?
- * WHAT CONCESSIONS DO YOU MAKE TO APPEASE THE WORLD?
- * HOW IMPORTANT IS TRUTH TO YOU?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read Romans 13:1-7; Acts 25:1-12 and 1 Peter 2:13-16 and 3:13-17.
- * How do we live out a proper balance in honoring those in authority over us on the earth, and honoring God?