



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 18:28-38 (NAS)

"What Is Truth?"

- 28 Then they *led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.
- 29 Therefore Pilate went out to them and *said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"
- 30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you."
- 31 So Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death,"
- 32 to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.
- 33 Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"
- 34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"
- 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?"
- 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."
- 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."
- 38 Pilate *said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and *said to them, "I find no guilt in Him."

I. THE ROMAN COURT

- A. Jews Accuse Jesus Of A Capital Crime
- B. Jews Had NO Authority To Carry Out The Punishment
- C. God Had Previously Determined The Method Of Jesus' Death

II. TWO KINGDOMS EXIST

- A. The Kingdom Of Men
 - 1. based on self-love
 - 2. seeking the praise of men
- B. The Kingdom Of God

- 1. directed toward the love of God
- 2. having the desire to praise God *II Corinthians 10:17; Psalm 3:3*

- C. Two Kingdoms Evident Throughout Scripture *Matthew 6:13*

III. TWO KINGDOMS REVEALED IN JESUS' DIALOGUE WITH PILATE

- A. Pilate Asked Jesus If He Is The King Of The Jews

- B. Jesus' Answer

- 1. Not an earthly kingdom
- 2. But a heavenly kingdom

- C. Jesus' Kingship Is Not Recognized By Many Today *Matthew 10:28*

IV. THESE KINGDOMS STAND AT ODDS IN THEIR VALUES

- A. Man's Kingdom Operates on

- 1. Pragmatism
- 2. Relativism

- B. God's Kingdom Operates on Truth