

Lesson 36

KING JESUS TESTIFIES TO THE TRUTH

John 18:28-19:16

Key Verse: 18:37, "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

1. Where did the Jewish leaders take Jesus and why (28)? What was Pilate's question and what was implied in their response (29-30)? What did Pilate tell them to do and why did they object (31)? How were Jesus' words actually fulfilled in this (32; 12:32-33)?
2. What did Pilate ask Jesus and why (33,37)? What did Jesus ask Pilate and how did Pilate reply (34-35)? What did Jesus tell Pilate about his kingdom (36)? What was each of their relationship to truth (37-38a)? How can you really "listen" to Jesus (37b)?
3. What was Pilate's conclusion (38)? What did Pilate offer, with what surprising response (39-40)? How was Jesus mistreated and humiliated (19:1-3)? How and why did Pilate present Jesus to them (4-5)? To their demand, how did Pilate respond (6)?
4. What was the Jewish leaders' real reason to condemn Jesus (7)? How did this alarm Pilate and how did he interrogate Jesus (8-10)? What did Jesus say about Pilate's authority and guilt (11)?
5. How did the Jewish leaders put political pressure on Pilate (12-15)? What was the outcome of the trial (16)? What was the real problem of Pilate and the Jewish leaders?
6. What does the trial before Pilate reveal about Jesus?