

Jesus Tried by the Romans

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Passage: John 18:28-40 (Note: Consider reading one of the following in addition to John 18: Matthew 27:1-21, Mark 15:1-15, and Luke 23:1-25)

Main Point: Jesus submitted Himself to the authorities to be condemned for our sins.

Case Study:

When Jesus was put on trial, the whole world was against Him. Even His own disciples abandoned Him. It is frightening to think that if we were there, we might have been against Him as well. What pressures, influences, and powers turned the masses against Jesus?

The Word:

1. What charge did the Jews bring against Jesus? Why did the Jews want to execute Him for this charge? (v.29-33)
2. What is Jesus' kingdom? (v.36-37) (Leader's Note: Consider reading Matthew 13:24-52 as a group)
3. How did Pilate answer the Jews concerning the charge they brought against Jesus? Who did the Jews ask to be released instead of Jesus? Why is this significant? (v.38-39)

The World:

1. What is truth? (v.38)
2. What types of people does the world choose to worship instead of Jesus? What does this result in? What opportunities does this false worship create to share the Gospel?
3. How does knowing Jesus reveal all truth? How does knowing Jesus bring freedom? How does knowing Jesus restore innocence?

The Application:

1. How can you present Jesus to your neighbors?
2. Jesus allowed Barabbas, a guilty man, to go free. How does this relate to you? (v.40)
3. How can we actively submit ourselves to the will of God?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.)