

"The Trial"
John 18:28-38

Central Idea: Jesus is the King who offers the truth to everyone.

I. Accusation (28-32)

Verse 28

- "They" = _____ = Sanhedrin
- Praetorium = the headquarters & residence of the _____
- "did not enter...not be defiled...eat the Passover"
"Passover" = Passover & the Feast of _____

Background on Pilate

- governor of _____
- highest ranking _____ authority in the Israel
- Pilate _____ the Jews and his ruling style was _____.

Jewish leaders want Pilate to _____ their verdict & execute Jesus.

John's commentary (32) - Jesus predicted His death, not by _____ (Jewish), but by death on a _____ (Roman).

II. Interrogation (33-35)

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

- "No" = Jesus was not a _____ at all.
- "Yes" = king who was a _____ to Caesar.
- "Are You a _____ king conspiring against Caesar?" - No
- "Are You the _____ King of Israel?" - Yes

Pilate's has no _____ interest in Jesus.

III. Defense (36-38a)

- Kingdoms of earth - like the Roman kingdom = _____
- The Kingdom of heaven is founded on _____

“My kingdom not of this realm” = “not from this _____”

- It will come down from _____ to the earth rather than originating from the earth.
- My kingdom comes not by force, but by _____ to God

“For this I have been born - for this I have come into the world”

- _____ origin

“to testify to the truth” = _____

- Truth refers not to _____, but it is a _____ term.
 - Jesus came to reveal _____.
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- “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

IV. Verdict (38b)

- _____

Application:

1. Which kingdom will you _____?

The Kingdom of _____ - built on the truth of God

The kingdom of this _____ - built on power

- _____ on earth or _____ in heaven
- earthly _____ or spiritual _____
- short-term _____ or eternal _____
- comfort here & now or _____ that brings suffering

God’s rewards are often _____ & almost always _____, which means obedience is a matter of _____.

Each _____ we must choose which kingdom we will serve.