

John pt35 - (18:31-19:22)

Pilate's Dilemma

1. John 18:28-32 – Pilate's dismissal

- a. Who is behind this? → Chief priests, elders, scribes – Mat 17:1, Mk 15
- b. 18:28 – “it was early” – holding trials in the dark – Isa 29:15
- c. 18:31 – Pilate tries to dismiss the case (1st time)
 - i. “it is unlawful for us” – Roman law; Jews are subservient to Rome
 - ii. “what death he should die” – only the Romans crucified- Psa 22:16

2. John 18:33-40 – Jesus the King of the Jews

- a. “King of the Jews” – this is the crime → Luke 23:2
- b. 18:35 – “thine own nation and priests” – John 1:11
- c. 18:36 - Is Jesus the King? → Yes, but not yet – Heb 2:9; John 6:19
 - i. The devil is “of this world” – Mat 4:6-8, John 12:31
 - ii. “but now” - his servants will fight → Rev 12:7,10; Rev 19:11-15
 - iii. 1 Tim 6:13 – Paul references Jesus appeal to a future coming
- d. 18:37 – “thou sayest” – Jesus never calls himself the King – John 5:31
- e. 18:38 – “no fault at all” – (2nd time)
- f. 18:40 – They desired a murderer – Luke 23:19, Acts 3:14-15

3. John 19:1-7 – Pilate refuses to crucify

- a. 19:1-3 – A great prophetic mockery
 - i. Despised and rejected – The suffering is here - Isa 53:3-8
- b. 19:4-5 – “no fault” (3rd time) - Pilate intends to release him Luke 23:16
- c. 19:6 – “by our law he ought to die” – what about 18:31? – no fault

4. John 19:8-15 – Pilate's power

- a. 19:8-9 – New information; new investigation
- b. “whence art thou?” – the question of Jesus' identity – John 7:27,42; 8:23
- c. 19:10-11 – Pilate's power comes from God – John 10:17-18
 - i. “greater sin” → Mark 3:27-28; John 18:28
 - ii. “sought to release him” – (5th time), but... Acts 13:28
- d. 19:12-15 – The Jews appeal to Caesar – the greater political power

5. John 19:13-22 – Pilate sentences crucifixion

- a. 19:16 – Willing to please them he delivers him to be killed - Mark 15:15
- b. 19:17-18 – The people are thieves/malefactors – Mat 27:38; Luke 23:33
- c. 19:19-20 – The title continues the mockery; shame to the accusers/Israel
- d. 19:21 – he never said he was the King of the Jews