

John 18:33-37
Interrogating Heavenly Royalty

INTRO:

Seven Sermon Planks

1) The Lamb's Death March for Life.

(John 18:28; Isaiah 53:7-8; Mark 10:45; Luke 9:51)

2) The Trial Within the Trial.

(John 18:29-31)

3) The "What Sinners Intend for Evil, God Works for Good" Reminder.

(John 18:32; Acts 2:22-4)

4) **The Royal** _____.

5) **The Ultimate Life and Death** _____.

6) The _____ Counter-Questions.

7) The Nature of Jesus? _____.

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers!*

What is the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted? What do you want to study further as a result of today's message?

Write down the name of 2-3 unsaved friends/neighbors/classmates/co-workers that you have regular interaction with. Pray Colossians 4:2-6 daily for yourself and for your church family at LCBC. Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Are you faithfully fishing? Matt. 4:19; Acts 1:8.

How can one utilize questions when witnessing to unbelievers? What is the ultimate life and death question? Note Luke 9:18-20; John 18:33f; List 3-4 other questions that one could ask in an evangelistic context.

Talk about the nature of Jesus' Kingdom. In what sense does Christ reign in the present? In what sense is it future? In what sense is it spiritual? In what sense is it physical/earthly? Note John 18:36f. Matthew 6:10-11; Colossians 1:12f; Acts 1:6-7; Revelation 19-20.

How does saving faith in Christ influence one's life before death and life after death? What Scriptures support your answer?

What are some evil things that unbelievers are trying to accomplish in America, or in this world, right now? Read John 18:31-32; Acts 2:22-41; Acts 4:24-28; Genesis 50:20; and Romans 8:28. How does the Scriptural principle in sermon plank #3 (p. 2) provide hope? How does this principle help Christians to not freak out and enjoy God's peace?

God's absolute sovereignty is a precious and comforting truth for believing believers. Note Jerry Bridges exceptional book, "Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts" and Thomas Watson's, "All Things For Good."

Pilate's love of self (power/prestige) and his past blunders contributed to him condemning Jesus (a man he knew to be innocent). On 8/27/23 I highlighted: 1) *Pilate's Blunderous Beginning*. 2) *Pilate's Sacriligious Allocation*. 3) *Pilate's Galilean Desecration*. And 4) *Pilate's Samaritan Slaughter*. This message was titled, "Avoiding the Pitfalls of the Past." How did Pontious Pilate's past mistakes put extra pressure on him to compromise? Have you ever found yourself in a similar situation? How can we put the past in the past, so it does not unduly impact the present/future?

No less than 5 Factors Contributed to the "Bad Blood" between the Jews and Rome:

- 1) *Taxes, Taxes, Taxes.*
- 2) *Roman Occupation and the Loss of National Sovereignty.*
- 3) *Dirty Politics and Bad Actors.*
- 4) *Unkosher Policies; such as "Romanization."*
- 5) *At times, the Jewish Populace Itself.*

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