

John 19:8-16

Disowning Jesus as God and King! The Lowest Point in History.

INTRO: What would it take for you to consider disowning Jesus as God and King?

Where are you most vulnerable to temptation? Where's your weak spot(s)?

10/1/23 Review of John 18:38-19:7 sermon

- I. Pilate's Impartial Verdict *(John 18:38; 19:4; 19:6).*
- II. Pilate's Everybody Wins Proposal. *(John 18:39-40).*
- III. Pilate's (Brutal) Appeasement Beat Down *(John 19:1-7).*

A Five Fold Chain-Reaction (John 19:8-16)

1a) Pilate's Spiritual _____.

(John 19:8-9a)

1b) Jesus' Silent _____.

(John 19:9)

2a) Pilate's "Don't You Know Who I Am!" Boast.

(John 19:10)

2b) Jesus Sets _____ in His Place!

(John 19:11; Acts 4:27-28; Proverbs 19:21)

3a) Pilate's Conflicted _____ Ploy.

(John 19:12-13, Prov. 29:25)

3b) The Sinister Sanhedrin Play Their _____ Trump Card.

4a) Pilate's Capitulating _____.

(John 19:14b-15a, note "the Bad Boys of Scripture" messages)

4b) The Jew's Ultimate _____.

(John 19:14-15b; 1 Samuel 8:7; Ps. 47:7; 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7)

5a) Pilate's _____ Concession.

(John 19:16; Luke 23:24-25; Isaiah 53)

5b) The Unbelievers' Bloodlust is Finally _____.

(John 19:17f)

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?

What would it take for you to consider disowning Jesus as God and King? Where are you most vulnerable to temptation? What are the sins that most "easily entangle you" or pose the greatest threat/temptation? (1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 10:12-13)

Why do you suppose unbelieving pagans are so often so superstitious? (note Romans 1) Karma, mother nature, the force, idols, false gods, etc.

How can silence be a form of (Divine) judgment? Explain. What does it mean to cast pearls before swine? (Matthew 7:6; Proverbs 26:4; Jesus before Herod Antipas in Luke 23)

Review sermon point 2a/2b. Read John 19:10-11; Acts 2:22-24; 4:27-28; Psalm 37:13-18; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 46:10.

Pilate has big ears and a weak spine, explain. Pilate's past mistakes are used against him (as blackmail).

In what sense is John 19:14b-15 and the subsequent crucifixion of Jesus the *lowest moment* in the history of Israel and really the entire world? Read John 19:14-15b; 1 Samuel 8:7; Ps. 4:7; 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7. Talk about what Scripture declares concerning the Messianic King and His everlasting Kingdom.

In the darkest hour the world unites to participate in the sin of all sins. Namely, the rejection/disowning, the blasphemy, and the murder of Christ. What are some of the ways unbelievers today reject and blaspheme the Lord?

One can declare Jesus' innocence (as Pontious Pilate did) and still perish in their sins. Idols and Idols of the heart can keep us from Jesus and Eternal Life. Discuss the practical implications of these final takeaways with your family/your roommates/ or with your care group.

Review your 10/1/23 sermon notes. When was the last time you found yourself between a rock and a hard place? When doing/saying what you knew was right (by God's standard), would lead to personal loss and/or suffering? How does James 4:17 and 2 Timothy 3:12 relate to this morning's sermon text and to our own real-world conundrums? What is the relationship between faith and faithfulness?

John 18:28-19:7 Sermon Outline

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 Interrogation.

(What kind of King are you? Is Jesus the King of the Jews? John 18:33)

5) The Ultimate Life and Death Question

(What do YOU believe about Jesus? John 18:34; Matthew 16:13-18)

6) The Indignant Counter-Questions.

(John 18:35, 37-38)

7) The Nature of Jesus' Glorious Kingdom!

(John 18:36, 37b; Mt. 6:10-11; Col. 1:12-14; Rev. 19-20)

8) The Cynical (What IS Truth?) Question.

(John 18:38)

9) The Not-Guilty Conundrum

(John 18:38b-19:7)

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