

## Is Sanity Your King?

John 18:28 Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" 30 "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." 31 Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. 32 This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. 33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" 34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" 35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" 36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." 37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?" 40 They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

### In this Series, We Will Learn That . . .

1. Everyone has an \_\_\_\_\_ king that they serve and this king \_\_\_\_\_ their thoughts and actions.
2. Many people who would call Jesus "\_\_\_\_\_" do not understand that He must also be \_\_\_\_\_.

### Some Background

#### The Palace -- Part of Antonio \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 15:16 The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers.

#### The Passover -- Would begin \_\_\_\_\_ evening!

#### Pilate -- (Where is he in history books?)

His problems -- Three major conflicts. He was on \_\_\_\_\_.

His end -- Returned to Rome and many suggest \_\_\_\_\_.

His legacy -- The \_\_\_\_\_.

### If Sanity Is Your King . . .

1. You will \_\_\_\_\_ to the wishes of others even if they aren't realistic.

John 18:29 So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

2. You will \_\_\_\_\_ stand up for what is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 18:30 "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

3. You will be willing to change the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

John 18:31 Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. 32 This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

4. You will take \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ your problems.

John 18:33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

5. You will struggle to know \_\_\_\_\_ and when you do find it, you will fail to stand on the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth. (Confusion)

John 18:37 . . . Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

6. You will search for \_\_\_\_\_ answers and \_\_\_\_\_ to make everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (and it will not work).

John 18:39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

7. You will live in \_\_\_\_\_.

John 18:7 The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God." 8 When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid,

8. You will make \_\_\_\_\_ decisions and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

John 18:38 . . . "I find no basis for a charge against him.

John 19:4 " . . . I find no basis for a charge against him."

John 19:6 " . . . I find no basis for a charge against him."

John 19:10 "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

9. You will \_\_\_\_\_ for your lack of \_\_\_\_\_.

Matt. 27:24 When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

### But, If Christ Is Your King . . .

1. You are serving the \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Tim. 6:13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, . . . 15 . . . — God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

2. You are serving a king who is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 18:37 . . . "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, . . ."

3. You will know the \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.

John 18:37 . . . "In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

