

Is Status Quo Your King?

John 19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe 3 and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face. 4 Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." 5 When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" 6 As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." 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, 9 and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. 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?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." 12 From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar." 13 When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). 14 It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. 15 But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

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

Pilate pronounced Jesus "____ guilty" and then had Him _____.

John 18:38 "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."

Pilate hoped the Jews would _____ after seeing Jesus punished.

John 19:5 When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

_____ of the suffering of Jesus was part of our _____!

Is. 53:4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

The Jews and Status Quo

1. The Jewish leaders were _____ that Jesus would change _____ and they would lose their _____.
- John 11:48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans*

will come and take away both our place and our nation."

John 11:50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

2. These leaders thought that the best way to deal with the _____ was to be _____ of Jesus, so they manipulated his trial and convinced others to _____ them in the call for crucifixion.

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Matt. 27:20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

3. Having failed to get a _____ verdict on the charge of _____, these Jews tried to use their _____ law to kill Jesus.

Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

John 19:7 The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

Lev. 24:16 anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

- The charge of claiming to be the _____ of _____, terrified Caesar as the Romans believed that "gods" _____ men at times.

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Acts 14:12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.

Acts 28:6 The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

- From then on, Pilate tried to _____ Jesus.

4. The Jews threatened Pilate with his _____ to Caesar. In effect, they were saying, "_____ your king."

John 19:12 From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

5. The Jewish leaders pledged their allegiance to _____ because they were so threatened by Jesus and by _____.

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What Do We Learn?

1. Sometimes we can worship consistency or _____. This can happen in homes, _____ or businesses. Be careful!
2. Sometimes we pledge our _____ to something or someone we despise because we don't want anything to _____.