

In Home Bible Study/Devo

John 18:33-37

All 4 gospel accounts record this event. In Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 18.

I encourage you to go back and read each of these accounts of these eyewitnesses.

Let's catch up to this point.

Jesus had angered and offended the religious leaders of the day. Jesus had claimed to be God, Jesus had performed miracles, Jesus was directly challenging the cultural and religious leaders of the day and would call them things like the sons of the devil, and a brood of vipers, and doing things like chasing people out of the temple with a whip. The people were upset with Jesus. We see in this passage the very reason these people were so upset, angered, and offended by Jesus and it is the same reason that people today, even those claiming to be "Christians" are offended, upset, and become angry with the Word of God. And because of these things they had come up with a plan to try and snuff out that which offended them, to try and suppress the source.

Read: John 18:33 – 37

Jesus has already appeared before Caiaphas and Annas. And Here we see the same kind of response to Pilate's question that Jesus gave to these other men. Jesus is asked the question

Pilate Asks: **ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?**

Why do you think Pilate asked this question?

Why would Pilate be concerned with a Jew that was being called a king?

Jesus answers with a question that raises the question of witnesses. In the legal sense of what is happening Jesus is demanding witnesses to the accusations against Him, in the legal aspect of what is happening this shows Jesus' innocence. Jesus is basically saying "Pilate I am in your court, is this your accusation, do you accuse Me of perverting and threatening Israel or the nation of Rome? Who is accusing Me?"

Pilate Responds: **"Am I a Jew? You're your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"**

Pilate makes it clear that he isn't bringing accusations against Jesus and instead says that Jesus' own people have turned Jesus over to him and are making accusations.

Jesus Responds in verse 36. Why do you think Jesus point out that His servants did not fight against Jesus being turned over to Pilate?

Pilate Responds: **"So you are a king?"** Pilate basically asks, "are you a king or not?"

Jesus Answered: **“You say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world - to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”**

Why would Jesus say both “I was born” and “I have come into the world” instead of just one or the other, is this repetitive or is there a reason?

Pilate has already said that Jesus’ own people had turned Jesus over, Jesus then says *“Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.”*

When Jesus says this, what does that mean about those who turned Jesus over to Pilate and Pilate’s claim that it was Jesus’ own people?

Pilate was trying to figure out what to believe about who Jesus was. What do you believe about who Jesus is?

Based on what Jesus says about His kingdom and His people, are you part of the Kingdom of God?

Read through verse 40 if you would like, and think about how Barabbas was treated how Jesus deserved to be treated and Jesus was treated the way that Barabbas deserved to be treated.

This is a great picture of salvation and what Jesus has done for us. Jesus was treated the way that you and I deserve to be treated through suffering the penalty of sin, so that you and I could be treated like and called children of God.