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The Book of John

Lesson 34 - wrong choice

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Read: John 17: 1-26

John 18: 1-40

John 18 verse 28. *Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.* The Jews would not go into a Gentile building because it would violate their tradition and make them dirty so they could not eat the Passover; but they would plot the murder of an innocent man and think nothing of it. Think about the audacity of these men. How blind you can be – remember what the book of John is about? You reject light; you end up in the darkness.

Verse 29. *Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.* You think they would have – (before they brought Him in), come up with an idea of what to charge Him with? But there was no plan for their conspiracy to commit murder. Then when the body shows up missing on resurrection morning they are scrambling to decide how they are going to cover it up. I say again, there is no way the Jews could have crucified Jesus, unless He was willing to go to the cross and die. He could have stood right there in that courtroom and just dismantled all of their arguments. Jesus could of put Pilate, Herod, Annas, Caiaphas in their place. – *never a man spake like this man*

Verse 31. *Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:* The Jews never wanted a trial; they wanted a death sentence.

Verse 32. *That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.* It is prophesied by the Lord that He was going to be lifted up. He is going to hang on a cross and die. They will pierce His hands and feet, Zechariah 12:10. The Jews method of execution is by stoning. The Romans method is by crucifixion and scripture must be fulfilled. The Jews are unknowingly (became puppets by the Lord's divine power) asking Pilate to get the Roman soldiers to kill him. Jesus is going to allow them to put Him to death because He came to die for our sins.

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Verse 33. *Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew?* Look what happens. We have seen it ever since John 1. "Pilate, do you want light?" Answer. "No." Then you do not get any light. *Art thou the King of the Jews?* All He had to do is say yes. But He did not say yes. He said, "do you want light or not?" *Am I a Jew?* Now, that is contempt, Pilate is looking down his nose at Him when he says am I a Jew. He considers his race superior to their race.

Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: That might be a calculated statement on Pilate's part. He does not seem to have much respect for these chief priests that do his bidding and kiss up to him and dominate the people. He says, *Thine own nation and the chief priests...* Pilate is saying those chief priests, they are not part of your nation, but they are against you. They *have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?*

Jesus answered, My kingdom (Look, He did not answer his question. Do you know why? He does not want light. If you do not want light, you do not get light.) *My kingdom...* Do not miss this fact. Jesus is claiming to have a kingdom. *My kingdom is...* It exists at the present hour. *...not of this world:* Now, you can write in your notes, or if you want in the margin next to that statement, *kingdom of God.* He has a kingdom. He is standing before Pilate without a crown, without a throne, without one square foot of property – Yet He has a kingdom. It is just not pertaining to this world. *...if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight,* Right there you could put *kingdom of heaven.* There will be day when He fights for territory and for profit or for possession and He will have a crown and a throne and property; but not now. They would fight *so that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king.* There is a lot of different ways to look at this. But if I am Pilate and somebody walks in or is brought in and stands before me and starts telling me what I have been thinking about, I am going to have a cause for concern. Jesus and Pilate have never had a conversation. How would Jesus know that Pilate said He is a king? He just told him – "Pilate, you say I am a king." Who had he been talking to? And where did he get his information? And what was the extent of his knowledge or his belief? *To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.* Ah, yes.....that is Mary. That is a body of flesh. But look at the other statement. *...and for this cause came I into the world,* There is pre-existence. How did you come into the world? "I was born in a body of flesh." Hebrews 10:9 then verse 5 *Then said he, Lo, I come... a body hast*

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thou prepared me. There He is. Here He comes. How did He come? He was born of a virgin.

Pilate is the Roman governor of Judea, as he is staring into the eyes of Jesus, he remembers that 30 years ago, the Roman governor of Judea killed every male two years old and under. That was not forgotten, nor were the events that led up to that massacre. There was talk about a star in the east, about wise men, shepherds and angels and there is all this talk about prophecy about this baby being born that did not have a human father and it was God. It was the King of the Jews. These wise men came and sat down with Herod and showed him in the scriptures this place and this time and then the decree was issued to kill all the children.

Here stands before Pilate a thirty three year old male, impossible, there should not be any thirty-one. thirty-two or thirty three year old men alive.

Pilate, he has more knowledge and information than anybody, you cannot be the governor in Jerusalem and not know about Jesus. "What did you bring him here for? What are the charges?" He is not asking about a guy he has never heard of. Pilate knows who stands before him.

Verse 34. *Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.* How about you Pilate, where are you? Do you want truth? *Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?* Well, that is a good question; but he did not want the answer. *And when he had said this,* He is making a statement. I do not want truth. *...when he had said this he went out again unto the Jews,* (Why go out? You want truth? He just said, if you want truth, you have to hear my voice. You cannot hear my voice if you go out, obviously he did not want truth.)

There is some conviction with Pilate. There is the pressure of... his career at stake. Maybe he's like many a man who thought in his heart, I need Jesus. Or I need to at least look into Jesus. But what is it going to cost me? As they count the cost decision is made to opt out.

Then he says, *I find in him no fault at all.* Then, let Him go. Then trust Him. Can you think of another man who found Jesus to be faultless but did the right thing instead of like Pilate doing the wrong thing? How about that thief on the cross? This man's done nothing amiss. Look, here are two men that recognize Jesus as sinless. One trusts Him, the other walks away from Him. *But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?* Pilate, thinks to himself four days ago, they had a parade for Him. I am glad I thought of this. I do not have to kill an innocent man. I will just appeal to the crowd. They love this guy Jesus. I will get this over with and get home just in time for supper..." *Then*

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cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Let us make a number of statements.

(1) Pilate declares publicly that Jesus is not only faultless but that He is the King of the Jews. Whether that is a statement of genuine belief or it is designed to stir up the crowd, we may never know. He may be just rubbing it in the nose of the Pharisees and the council that he has contempt for. He may be trying to stir the crowd... "Look, here is your king, surely you want your king, not Barabbas." Whatever his motive, he testifies publicly that Jesus is the King of the Jews.

(2) *Now Barabbas was a robber.* They chose a thief over Jesus.

(3) *Barabbas* – **bar**, that means *son of*. *Abba* means *father*. But it is plural. Do you know what they wanted? Somebody like them. A son of the fathers; not the only begotten Son of the Father.

(4) Now as you probably have all heard preached, Barabbas is such a great picture of you and me. He is guilty, condemned to die, without hope. And Jesus dies in his place and that man goes free.

Notes

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Name _____

John 17

1. Explain the following terms:
 - a. thine own self
 - b. manifested thy name
2. What other passage bears the title son of perdition?
3. What scriptures prophesied the betrayal of Jesus by a disciple?
4. Whose joy is ours in answer to Jesus' prayer?
5. What do we learn about the Bible comparing verse 14 with verse 8?
6. How was Jesus sent into the world?
7. Why was Jesus sent into the world?
8. What then is the Christian Life?
9. List 7 things the Lord asks for His disciples.

a.	b.	c.
d.	e.	f.
g.		

John 18

10. What is significant about Malcus' job description?
11. What is the cup in verse 11?

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22. What do you find in verse 28 that is shocking to consider?

From verses 29-32

23. What do you learn of the Jews' handling of the Mosaic law?

24. What do you learn of Pilate's handling of Roman law?

25. What do you learn of Jesus' handling of God's law?

26. In verse 11, 21, 23, 34, Jesus answers with a question, why?
verse 11

verse 21

verse 23

verse 34

From verse 36 (crucial)

27. What is Jesus' kingdom?

28. What kingdom do they seek to take by force?

29. By making reference to the Jews, what is He declaring?

30. What is the key word in the last phrase?, Why?

True/False

- Judas in a picture of the anti-christ.
- The kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven are the same place.
- Pilate made the right choice in washing his hands.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet,
Must be in KJV) John 18:36; Psalms 22:16.

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