

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JOHN 18:28 - 38

“POSTMODERN PILATE ON TRIAL BEFORE THE TRUTH”

Introduction

John 18:1-11 - Supreme Authority... Sovereign Protection... Stubborn Obedience...

John 18:12-27 - The Trial of Jesus Christ and the Trial of Simon Peter...

John 18:28-38 - Plan... Read, Pray, Historical Background, Theological Purpose...

Note: This historical information is NOT essential to grasp the main point of the passage, but it does give us understanding as to why certain things are happening.

Historical Background Information...

- In 4 B.C. Herod the Great dies, but before he dies, he divides his territory between his three sons: Herod Antipas (Galilee, Perea), Philip (Batanea, Auranitis, Trachonitis), and Herod Archelaus (Idumea, Judea, Samaria).

- In 6 A.D. Herod Archelaus is removed and a Roman Governor (Coponius) is installed.

- Pontius Pilate ruled as Governor from 26 A.D. to 35 A.D. and was a DISASTER...

Incident #1 - The Amphitheater Bluff

Incident #2 - The Aqueduct Massacre

Incident #3 - The Shield Fiasco

John 19:12 - “From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, ‘If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.’”

Note: Don’t miss the main thing! These verses don’t exist to teach us about Pilate or the Jewish leaders; they exist to show us the glory & majesty of Jesus!

John 20:30-31 - “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

- How does Jesus, standing trial before Pilate, magnify Christ?

- What is it that John wants us to see and understand about Jesus?

- How will we be moved to adoration & worship from these verses?

I. The Power, Purpose, and Patience of Jesus

1) John 18:28-32 - The Power of Jesus' Word

Note: Historians tell us that the Jews lost the right to execute 40 years before the destruction of the Temple (the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.). This means that the Jews lost the authority to execute prisoners just shortly before the execution of Jesus.

Isaiah 53:5a - "But He was pierced for our transgressions..."

Psalm 22:14-18 - "I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast; My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws; you lay Me in the dust of the earth. For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feet - I can count all My bones - they stare and gloat over Me; they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."

Exodus 12:46 - "It (the Passover Lamb) shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones."

John 3:14-15; 12:32-33 -

Note: Don't miss the importance of John 18:32!!!

Note: Both the Jews and the Romans were secondary causes; Jesus' words prevail and triumph over them and through them!

2) John 18:33-37 - The Purpose for Jesus' Coming

Note: Jesus' kingdom is ACTIVE IN this world but it does not originate from this world.

John 1:17-18; 14:7 -

3) John 18:37-38 - The Patience in Jesus' Invitation

John 14:6; 8:31-32 -

Note: See everything in relation to Christ and you will see things as they really are.

1 John 5:20-21 - "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols."