

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 05 Mar 2023..... John 12:1-19..... Why Wasn't This Sold?
- 2) 12 Mar..... John 12:20-50..... If It Dies
- 3) 19 Mar..... John 13:1-38..... I Will Come Again
- 4) 26 Mar..... John 14:1-31..... Peace I Leave
- 5) 02 Apr..... John 15:1-17..... Remain in Me
- 6) 09 Apr..... John 20:1-18..... I Have Seen
- 7) 16 Apr..... John 15:18-27; 16:1-33..... When the Spirit Comes
- 8) 23 Apr..... John 17:1-26..... I Pray
- 9) 30 Apr..... John 18:1-27..... I Am He
- 10) 07 May..... **John 18:28-40**..... **I Find No Fault**
- 11) 14 May..... John 19:1-42..... If Is Finished
- 12) 21 May..... John 20:19-31..... Reach out Your Hand
- 13) 28 May..... John 21:1-25..... Do You Love Me?

**INTRODUCTION**

- According to [John 18:37](#), Jesus came to earth to die for only ONE REASON → “To testify to the Truth.” So, what is truth?

Passage	Comments
John 18:28-36	<p><b>What is Truth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John does not describe what transpired in Caiaphas' palace of the High Priest other than Peter's denial</li> <li>• <a href="#">Matthew 26:57-68</a> records that Caiaphas obtained false testimonies against Jesus while Jesus remained totally silent UNTIL He was implored to confess His true identity “by the living God” – Then charges of blasphemy were made as He confessed to being the Son of Man, which, according to <a href="#">Daniel 7:13</a>, is equivalent to being God as He came with the clouds of Heaven to meet God the Father (the “Ancient of Days”)</li> <li>• vv28-29. We pick up the story with Jesus being sent from Caiaphas to Pilate for execution by the Romans</li> <li>• v30. The religious elite considered Jesus an “evildoer”                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ What evils did they accuse Jesus of?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Immorality? <input type="checkbox"/> Gluttony? <input type="checkbox"/> Blaspheme?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Doctrinal Corruption? <input type="checkbox"/> Other evils? _____</li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ What evils should be challenged by church leaders?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unrepentant Immorality..... cf <a href="#">1Cor 5</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Doctrinal Corruption..... cf <a href="#">Rom 16:17</a>; <a href="#">1Tim 1:3</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other questionable evils?..... <a href="#">Php 3:2</a>; <a href="#">2Cor 11:13</a>; <a href="#">Rev 22:15</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ Churches are not perfect, so what steps can be taken to ensure church leadership TODAY don't falsely accuse any believers unjustly?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prove all things..... <a href="#">1Thes 5:21</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have spiritually mature elders..... <a href="#">Acts 20:28-31</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other steps? _____</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv33-34. <b>Discourse #1</b> between Pilate and Jesus: “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus replied back in essence “Who told you?”</li> <li>• vv35-36. <b>Discourse #2</b>: “What have you done?” Jesus replied back: “My Kingdom is not of this world”</li> </ul>
What is “My Kingdom?”	<p><b>Kingdom of Heaven.</b> The “Kingdom of Heaven” was announced by John the Baptist and by the Lord as ‘at hand’ ..... <a href="#">Matthew 3:2</a>; <a href="#">4:17</a></p> <p>Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven were given to the Apostles, and not to unbelievers..... <a href="#">Matthew 13:11</a></p> <p><b>Kingdom of God.</b> The Lord declared that the ‘Kingdom of God’ had come..... <a href="#">Matthew 12:28</a></p> <p>The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost ..... <a href="#">Romans 14:17</a></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> The two expressions are virtually identical, but the ‘Kingdom of Heaven’ only occurs in Matthew (31x)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Kingdom must not be confused with the church</li> <li>• In the Kingdom the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest; but in the church an unrepentant wicked person is to be put out</li> <li>• The Kingdom is the sphere of Christ's rule, whereas the church is the dwelling place of God by His Holy Spirit</li> <li>• The Kingdom will be set up in power after the rapture of the church, and will continue during the millennium</li> <li>• The Christian, besides sharing in the privileges of the church, also has privileges and responsibilities within the Kingdom</li> <li>• And what are the mysteries of God's Kingdom which have been hidden from the “wise and intelligent” and revealed to God's humbled ones? ..... <a href="#">Mat 11:25</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Salvation is available to all</li> <li>♦ God is Triune in nature</li> <li>♦ The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy..... <a href="#">Romans 14:17</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
18:37-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv37-38. <b>Discourse #3</b>: “So, you are a king?” Jesus replied back “You guessed correctly....I came to testify of the TRUTH.” And Pilate's reply – “What is Truth?”</li> </ul>				
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**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- What truths do we hold as absolute?
- What worldly untruths do we subscribe to?
- How do we identify and change out any worldly lies and compromises we might hold against God's truths?
- Besides God's word, there are only 3 other things that always tell the truth: 1) Small children; 2) Drunk people; and 3) Yoga pants

**NEXT WEEK: John 19:1-42.** Jesus, the King of Kings, is horrendously crucified and buried.

