LENSONS THIS QUARTER
1) 01 Dec 2013 John 12. Live Selflessly
2) 08 Dec John 13. Serve Humbly
3) 15 Dec John 14 Believe Exclusively
4) 22 Dec Luke 1-2 Christmas Message
5) 29 Dec John 15-25. Stay Open and Obedient
6) 05 Jan 2014 John 15:26 - 16:33. Depend on the Spirit
7) 12 Jan John 17. Honor Jesus
8) 19 Jan Psalm 139. Value Every Life
11) 09 Feb John 19:17-42. Our Savior - Crucified
12) 16 Feb John 20. Live in Resurrection Power
13) 23 Feb John 21. Follow with Renewed Purpose

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?

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| John 18:28-36 | What is Truth  
- John does not describe what transpired in Caiaaphas’ palace of the High Priest other than Peter’s denial
- Matthew 26:57-68 records that Caiaaphas 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 Daniel 7:13, is equivalent to being God as He came to earth to die for only ONE REASON ➜ “To testify to the Truth.” So, what is truth?  
- v28. We pick up the story with Jesus being sent from Caiaaphas to Pilate for execution by the Romans
- vv33-34. Discourse #1 between Pilate and Jesus: “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus replied back in essence “Who told you?”
- vv35-36. Discourse #2: “What have you done?” Jesus replied back: “My Kingdom is not of this world”

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| Kingdom of Heaven. The “Kingdom of Heaven” was announced by John the Baptist and by the Lord as ‘at hand’. Matthew 3:2; 4:17 Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven were given to the Apostles, and not to unbelievers Matthew 13:11  
Kingdom of God. Lord declared that the ‘Kingdom of God’ had come Matthew 12:28  
The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost Romans 14:17  
Notes: The two expressions are virtually identical, but the ‘Kingdom of Heaven’ only occurs in Matthew’s gospel  
- The Kingdom must not be confused with the church  
- In the Kingdom the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest; but in the church a wicked person is to be put out  
- The Kingdom is the sphere of Christ’s rule; whereas the church is the dwelling place of God by the Spirit  
- The Kingdom will be set up in power after the rapture of the church, and will continue during the millennium  
- The Christian, besides sharing in the privileges of the church, has also the privileges and responsibilities within the Kingdom  
- vv37-38. Discourse #3: “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?”

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| John 19:1-7 | He Made Himself out to be the Son of God  
- v1. Romans perfected 3 levels of scourging  
  1. The least severe was a lashing  
  2. More severe was a flogging of a certain number of stripes that left scars  
  3. Most severe used a whip fitted with bone or metal shards on the ends of leather straps. Victims were maimed, disfigured, or crippled just short of dying  
- v5. Pilate tried to pacify the Jews, but the Jews (the spiritual leaders) wanted Jesus to die horribly  

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| 19:8-12 | v8. Pilate gets “more afraid” when he realizes this was not a political issue, but an eternal issue
- v9. Discourse #4: Pilate asked Jesus “Where are you from” and Jesus remained silent
- vv10-11. Discourse #5: Pilate tells Jesus that he has power over life and death. Jesus replies back “No you don’t. Your authority comes only from God”
- v12. Pilate succumbs to political pressure instead of godly convictions  

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| 19:13-16 | v14. Pilate brought Jesus out to the crowds and proclaims “Behold, your King!”
- vv15-16. But the Jews display what is really in their hearts – vehemence toward God, toward His Word, toward His Son by proclaiming “We have no King but Caesar!”

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS
- What truths do we hold as absolute?
- What worldly truths do we subscribe to?
- How do we identify and change out any worldly lies and compromises we might hold to for God’s truths?

NEXT WEEK: John 19:17-42. Jesus, the King of Kings, is horrendously crucified and buried.