

LESSONS 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 15:1-25 ..... 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
- 9) 26 Jan ..... John 18:1-27 ..... Our Messiah - Abused
- 10) 02 Feb ..... John 18:28-40; 19:1-16 ..... **Our King - Condemned**
- 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	<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>• <b>Matthew 26:57-68</b> 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 <b>Daniel 7:13</b>, is equivalent to being God as He came with the clouds of Heaven to meet God the Father (the “Ancient of Days”)</li> <li>• v28. We pick up the story with Jesus being sent from Caiaphas to Pilate for execution by the Romans</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’ ..... Matthew 3:2; 4:17 Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven were given to the Apostles, and not to unbelievers ..... Matthew 13:11</p> <p><b>Kingdom of God.</b> 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</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> The two expressions are virtually identical, but the ‘Kingdom of Heaven’ only occurs in Matthew’s gospel</p> <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 a 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 the 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, has also the privileges and responsibilities within the Kingdom</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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19:1-7	<p><b>He Made Himself out to be the Son of God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. Romans perfected 3 levels of scourging                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The least severe was a lashing</li> <li>2. More severe was a flogging of a certain number of stripes that left scars</li> <li>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</li> </ol> </li> <li>• v5. Pilate tried to pacify the Jews, but the Jews (the spiritual leaders) wanted Jesus to die horribly</li> </ul>				
19:8-12	<p><b>Authority Comes from Above</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v8. Pilate gets “more afraid” when he realizes this was not a political issue, but an eternal issue</li> <li>• v9. <b>Discourse #4</b>: Pilate asked Jesus “Where are you from” and Jesus remained silent</li> <li>• vv10-11. <b>Discourse #5</b>: Pilate tells Jesus that he has power over life and death. Jesus replies back “No you don’t. Your authority comes only from God”</li> <li>• v12. Pilate succumbs to political pressure instead of godly convictions</li> </ul>				
19:13-16	<p><b>We have no King, but Caesar!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v14. Pilate brought Jesus out to the crowds and proclaims “Behold, your King!”</li> <li>• 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!”</li> </ul>				

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.

