

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?

Passage	Comments
John 18:28-36	<p>What is Truth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John does not describe what transpired in Caiaphas’ palace of the High Priest other than Peter’s denial • Matthew 26:57-68 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 Daniel 7:13, is equivalent to being God as He came with the clouds of Heaven to meet God the Father (the “Ancient of Days”) • v28. We pick up the story with Jesus being sent from Caiaphas 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”
What is “My Kingdom?”	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Notes: The two expressions are virtually identical, but the ‘Kingdom of Heaven’ only occurs in Matthew’s gospel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
18:37-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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19:1-7	<p>He Made Himself out to be the Son of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Romans perfected 3 levels of scourging <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 				
19:8-12	<p>Authority Comes from Above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 				
19:13-16	<p>We have no King, but Caesar!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

