



KNOWING GOD

JOHN 15-21

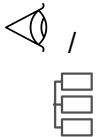
Week 8 John 18:33-19:16 - Behold Your King!

Goal: That we humbly obey Jesus as our King, and imitate his selfless humility.

Read John 18:33-19:16



1. The passage begins with "Pilate went back inside the palace..." Where has Pilate been? What do you recall of last week in terms of how John portrayed Peter? Jesus? The Jewish leaders?



2. In pairs, re-read and discuss
 - a. What words or ideas are repeated? (*draw out movements & Kingship*)
 - b. What markers indicate the scene changes in the narrative?



3. In pairs, use the following table to compare what we learn about the following characters as John presents them: (*divide passages to pairs if needed time-wise*)
 - a. Jesus' character and kingdom
 - b. Pilate's character and kingdom
 - c. The character and values of the Jewish leaders

Verse	Jesus' character and kingdom	Pilate's character and kingdom	Jewish leaders Character/values of
18.33-40	Not of this world w, not a fighter Purpose is testifying to truth	Not concerned about the truth	Jealousy over justice (prefer a criminal over innocent jesus)
19.1-6	Kingdom denied / rejected, mocked ridiculed	Mocks / humiliates Not committed to justice	Have understood but rejected his claim to divinity
7-16	son of God Inherent power as	Power given from above Guilty of sin Puts politics over justice	Guilty of rejecting jesus Prefer human rule over God's rule



4. Let's summarise the differences and distil down what makes Jesus a more worthy and noble leader than Pilate and the Jewish officials?



5. The Jewish leaders prefer to release a criminal than stand by their saviour, and prefer the rule of a tyrant over the rule of the Son of God.
 - a. What does this reveal about the human heart?
 - b. What echoes do you see in your own heart? Where do you find it hardest to submit to Jesus' rule? What rival authorities take priority (including your own authority!)



6. Compare the descriptions of Jesus (given by Pilate) and the description of Barabbas (given by John in v40). What insight does this exchange give us into the purpose of Jesus' death? (see also 1 Pet 3.18)



7. Jesus gave himself as a substitute for the guilty. What does this add to the list of things that make Jesus better and more trustworthy? What comfort does this give for people whose obedience to Jesus is flawed?
8. Consider Jesus' humility in this passage. What makes his selflessness different to just being a 'doormat'?
9. Peter obviously misunderstood the nature of Jesus' kingdom as a physical kingdom which he needed to fight to defend (last week he pulled out a sword to defend Jesus). We too can easily misunderstand Jesus' Kingdom.
 - a. How does Jesus advance his kingdom?
 - b. What are some ways Christians might seek to advance Jesus kingdom that aren't in keeping with the king?
 - c. How do we advance the kingdom in a way that reflects our King?



Discussion Question



Context Question



Structure Question



Observation Question



Meaning Question



Application Question