

Judging Jesus
John 18:28-40
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We put Jesus on trial every day. Is He King? Savior? Lord? Master?

Our answer can be theologically correct, but do we follow Him as King?

Jewish Leaders Judging Jesus vv. 28-32

Why would the Jews not enter the house of Pilate?

What did the Jews accuse Jesus of?

What is the “good-ole-boy” network?

What did they want to happen to Jesus?

Why couldn’t the Jews put Jesus to death themselves?

Why does this wrinkle fulfill prophecy? (Deuteronomy 21:22-23; Galatians 3:13)

Pilate Judges Jesus vv. 32-38

Was Jesus ‘clean’ for the Passover?

Are YOU a king? The KING of the Jews, YOU?

Why was Pilate in Jerusalem for the feast?

Why did Jesus ask the origin of this question?

“ My kingdom is not of this world.” What does that mean?

“I was born, and I came into this world.” Is this redundant? Why not?

“I have come to bear witness to the Truth.” What is Truth? Who is Truth?

The Crowds Judge Jesus vv. 38-40

Jesus or Barabbas? King of the Jews or an insurrectionist and robber?

What does Barabbas mean? What is his full name?

How Do You Judge Jesus?

Meditation

[The Doctrines of Grace] tell us that God is the One Who saves, for His own glory, and freely. And they tell us that He does so only through Christ, only on the basis of His grace, only with the perfection that marks everything the Father, Son, and Spirit do. The doctrines of grace separate the Christian faith from the works-based religions of men. They direct us away from ourselves and solely to God’s grace and mercy. They destroy pride, instill humility, and exalt God. And that’s why so many invest so much time in the vain attempt to undermine their truth. The religions of men maintain authority over their followers by 1) limiting God’s power, 2) exalting man’s abilities, and 3) “channeling” God’s power through their own structures. A perfect salvation that is freely bestowed by God for His own glory is not a “system” that can be controlled by a religious body or group. And even more importantly, such a system is destructive of any sense of pride in the creature man, and if there is anything man’s religions must safeguard, it is man’s “self-esteem.”

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