

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: John – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: John 18:28-19:15 – **No justice for the Just One.**

Today’s Message:
“Kangaroo Court”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we arrived at the final section of John’s gospel in which the Holy Ghost led John to record unique things. Our Lord was betrayed by a friend with a kiss and denied by Peter 3 times! Today, we will learn of the unjust process given to Jesus. The Romans prided themselves on being fair and **JUST** in their judicial process. Yet, there was no justice for *the Just One*! Pilate will *find no fault in Jesus* and will try repeatedly to release Him to the Jews. However, the Jews will pressure him to make a **CHOICE** between Caesar and Jesus Christ. He will make the wrong choice! This is God’s message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text John 18:28-19:15

A. The Process (28-32) – Jesus Christ was delivered to the hall of “JUDGMENT.”

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“Unjust”
 Contrary to justice and right; wrongful.

“Kangaroo Court”
 A mock court, especially one hastily improvised or irregularly conducted; characterized by dishonesty or incompetence.

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“Misjudgment”
 A wrong or unjust determination.

1. The context continues chapter 18 – from Judas to Annas to Caiaphas to Pilate.
 - **John 18:13, 24** – ...led him away to Annas first... sent him bound unto Caiaphas...
 - **John 18:28** – Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment...
 - This hastily improvised process was under cover of night, dishonest and unjust!
2. The Jews displayed their **hypocrisy** by not entering the judgment hall.
 - **John 18:28** – ... lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.
 - **John 18:29** – Pilate then went out... **What accusation bring ye against this man?**
 - **John 18:30** – ... If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up...
 - **John 18:31** – ... Take ye him, and **judge him according to your law.**
 - Pilate rejected them at first – he obviously knew that something was up!
3. Jesus knew His fate – He had previously said **“LIFTED UP”** – a Roman crucifixion!
 - **John 18:32** – That the saying of Jesus **might be fulfilled**... what death he should die.
 - The Jews had forfeited their “right to rule” through their disobedience to God!

B. The Questions (18:33-19:11) – Pilate asked Jesus many important QUESTIONS.

Question
 Who is Jesus Christ to you?

4. Pilate asked Jesus if He was the **KING** of the Jews.
 - **John 18:36** – Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom...**
 - **John 18:37** – ... Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born...**

“Art thou the King of the Jews?”

By the time Pilate orders Jesus to be crucified, we will find the word KING 12 times! It will seem obvious to us that Pilate was convinced of His innocence. Yet, he did not stop the injustice!

5. Pilate asked Jesus, "What is **TRUTH**?"

NOTE – We have a 12-week study on this question!

John 18:37
... Everyone that is **OF THE TRUTH** heareth my voice.

John 18:38
... And when he had said this, **he went out again** unto the Jews...

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"Whence"
From what place or source.

Daniel 2:21
... he removeth kings, and setteth up kings...

Matt 27:19
... his wife sent unto him, saying, **Have thou nothing to do with that just man...**

- **John 14:6** – Jesus saith unto him, **I am** the way, **THE TRUTH**, and the life...
- **John 17:17** – Sanctify them through **thy truth: thy word IS TRUTH.**
- **Deut 32:4** – He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
- **Josh 24:14** – Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and truth...
- **Psalms 25:5** – Lead me in thy truth, and teach me...
- **Psalms 31:5** – Into thine hand I commit my spirit... redeemed me, **O LORD God of truth.**
- **Psalms 51:6** – Behold, **thou desirest truth** in the inward parts...
- **Psalms 96:13** – Before the LORD: for he cometh... to judge the earth... with his truth.
- **Psalms 100:5** – For the LORD is good; his mercy... **his truth endureth to all generations.**
- He was looking TRUTH in the eyes! Amen. He had been accustomed to lies!

6. Pilate asked Jesus, "Whence art thou? But Jesus gave **NO** answer."

- **John 19:7** – ...by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.
- **John 19:8** – When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;
- **John 19:11** – ... Thou couldest have **no power at all against me, except it were given...**
- The last recorded word of Jesus Christ to Pilate was SIN!

7. Pilate tried repeatedly to persuade the Jews of the **INNOCENCE** of Jesus!

- **John 18:38** – ... **I find in him no fault at all.**
- **John 19:4** – ... I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that **I find no fault in him.**
- **John 19:6** – ... Take ye him, and crucify him: **for I find no fault in him.**
- **John 19:12** – And from thenceforth **Pilate sought to release him:** but the Jews...
- **Matt 27:4** – Saying, I have sinned in that **I have betrayed THE INNOCENT BLOOD...**
- **Acts 7:52** – ... **the Just One;** of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
- Imagine having an overwhelming sense of what is true and not believing Him!

C. The Rejection (18:40; 19:12-15) – the Jewish leaders refused to BELIEVE in Jesus!

"Barabbas"
Means son of the father.

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"Insurrection"
A rising against civil or political authority.

8. The Jews chose Barabbas – a robber and murderer – **INSTEAD** of Jesus Christ!

- **Mt 27:20** – ...the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude... and **destroy Jesus.**
- **Mk 15:7** – ... one named Barabbas... who **had committed murder** in the insurrection.
- **Luke 23:18** – ... Away with this man, and **release unto us Barabbas:**
- **Acts 3:14** – **But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer...**
- Pilate must have thought surely this would get them to release Jesus – NOT SO!
- Barabbas got what he did not deserve! And Jesus took his place – and **YOURS!**

9. The Jews manipulated Pilate by making him **CHOOSE** between Caesar and Jesus.

Matthew 27:25
Then answered all the people, and said, **HIS BLOOD be on us, and on our children.**

- **John 19:12** – ... If thou let this man go, **thou art not Caesar's friend... against Caesar.**
- **John 19:15** – But they cried out, **Away with him, away with him, crucify him...**
... **We have no king** but Caesar.
- **1 Samuel 8:5** – ... **now make us a king** to judge us like all the nations.
- **1 Samuel 8:7** – And the LORD said unto Samuel... **they have not rejected thee...**

Judges 21:25
In those days **there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**

"... but they have rejected ME, that I should not reign over them."
There is the problem! The Jews always stumbled here. They wanted to be their own king (god) and rejected God! Now it was Jesus Christ! They did not want Him ruling over them! How about you? Is Jesus your King?