



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: September 20, 2020

Passage: John 18:28-19:16

Theme: Glory and Grace Tried and Dismissed

The trial of Jesus demonstrates the following:

1. The world's power systems aren't in control. (28-32)
2. Truth answers a who question not a what question (33-38a)
3. Most look at the Father's Son and reject him (38b-40)
4. Those who reject Jesus want him humiliated (1-7)
5. True power uses its authority for the benefit of others (8-11)
6. Jesus as king would serve as the final Passover lamb (12-16)

Main Idea: We must embrace the humiliating sacrifice of Jesus to experience true power.

Application Questions:

- What do the examples of Pilate and the Jewish leadership indicate to us about the world's pursuit of power?
- What does the example of Jesus call us to do in relationship to power?
- How do we as Christians point people to the truth of Jesus Christ in a context like ours where people seem to be moving further and further away from Christ?
- While this passage seems like it would be the defeat of Jesus, what encourages and emboldens you about the way Jesus is portrayed?