

“THE CURSED KING”

John 18:28-40

From Pastor Phillip

The High Priest and Sanhedrin declared Jesus was guilty of blasphemy because he claimed to be the Christ, the Son of God (Matt. 26:63-65). Following the Jewish court trials, Jesus was sent to Pilate to be tried under the Roman government. As Jesus is interrogated, he confirms that he is indeed the long-awaited suffering Messiah and glorious King. The Jews rejected him; what is your response?

I. Knowing Christ in His Suffering (vv.28-32)

- A. Jesus is the Passover Lamb (vv.28-29)
- B. Jesus was cursed on the tree (vv.30-32)

II. Knowing Christ in His Glory (vv.33-40)

- A. Jesus is the King (vv.33-36)
- B. Jesus is the truth (vv.37-40)

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. How does Jesus fulfill the role of the Passover Lamb?
2. What are ways people attempt to “religiously purify” themselves apart from Christ? Why is it so tempting to rely on works for salvation?
3. What does it mean that Jesus’ kingdom is “not of this world?” How is Jesus’s kingdom different from earthly kingdoms?
4. Do you think people today care about the truth?
5. Jesus said, “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” How can we actively listen to the voice of Jesus? Describe what it would look like for someone to not listen to his voice.
6. What does this passage reveal about Jesus that you need to believe today?

FOR NEXT TIME— Read John 19:1-16, *The Judge Judged*