THE JUDGE JUDGED

John 19:1-16

FROM PASTOR MARK

The Judge of All the Earth was on trial before Pilate; but Pilate was really on trial before Him. Yet, Jesus allowed Himself to be judged for us. The irony of the scene reveals who our true Judge is and calls us to respond to Him.

- I. OUR JUDGE IS HUMAN (19:1-5).
 - A. Humans Were Permitted to Abuse their Creator Incarnate (1-2; 1:14)
 - B. Humans Were Called to "Behold the Man." (4-5; Is. 52:14).
 - C. Humans Will All Stand Before the Son of Man in Judgment (John 5:22-27).
- II. OUR JUDGE IS_PERFECT (19:6; Isaiah Is. 53:6-7).
- III. OUR JUDGE IS DIVINE (19:7-8; 1:1, 20:30-31; Mt. 27:19)
- IV. OUR JUDGE IS SOVEREIGN (19:9-14).
 - A. The Ultimate Authority—Who's in Charge? (9-11)
 - B. The Suffering King—What Kind of King Is He? (12-14)
- V. OUR JUDGE WAS REJECTED (19:15; 1:11).
- VI. OUR JUDGE WAS JUDGED FOR US (19:16; 2 Cor. 5:21).

What will you do with Jesus?

- Have you received the great exchange? (2 Cor. 5:21)
- One day we will all stand before the Judge (Philp. 2:5-11, Rom. 14:11-12). Now is the time to bow the knee!
- Jesus set the example for us of faithfulness to His Father (1 Tim. 6:13, Mt. 26:39).

FOR NEXT TIME—Read John 19:16-30, Glory in Death

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

- 1. How does the record of Jesus standing before Pilate increase your appreciation and love for Him?
- 2. Which of these truths about Jesus that were demonstrated at His trial touch you most deeply and why?
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- 3. How does Jesus' faithfulness to His Father throughout His trials encourage you to be more faithful to God?
- 4. Read Philippians 2:5-11 and Romans 14:11-12. What impacts will it have on us if we meditate on the reality that we personally will stand before Jesus one day?
- 5. Who could you invite to our John series or to Good Friday or Easter services? Pray for these.