

The Gospel of John
What Happened in the Praetorian? John 18:28-40

Intro: Value judgments are made all the time over what we are willing to exchange or not exchange. The Jewish leaders and Pilate made decisions related to what they would exchange to keep their power.

I. Exchange of _____ for Tradition – 18:28

A. Careful not to be _____ – 18:28 (See Matt. 8:7, 15:2)

People or Practices do not _____ a person. They may influence, but the _____ is the issue.

B. Neglectful that _____ was deep – Matt. 23:23

They made a value judgment that their tradition is to be maintained at all costs, even the breaking of God's law – Exodus 23:7

II. Exchange of Principles for _____ – 18:29-38

A. Principle of _____ –

- 18:29 – What accusation?
- 18:33 – Are you the King of the Jews?
- 18:35 – What have you done?
- 18:38 – What is Truth?

B. The Principle of _____ – 18:38

Pilate did not see a reason to convict or execute Jesus, but he could not just let him go if the Jews did not approve (See Mark 15:15).

III. Exchange of _____ for the Guilty – 18:39-40

What really happened in this moment?

The Son of God, Jesus Christ is moving forward in the Father's plan.

Jesus is exchanging _____ with each of us.

Applications:

1. Do not _____ spirituality with righteousness.

2. Guard your heart from legalistic _____ and deception.
3. Value _____ so deeply that you do not exchange for your truth.
4. Have you exchanged your life for Jesus' life?

Small Group Study Questions

Develop

1. What does only 9 of 85 students being willing to exchange their cell phones for world peace say about the value we place on things? What are some other misplaced value judgments?

Dig

1. Read John 18:28; Matthew 18:15:1-9; Matthew 23:23. In what ways did the Pharisees exchange truth for tradition?

2. In what ways were the scribes and Pharisees neglecting justice, mercy, and faithfulness towards others?

3. What do you think of the statement, "People or practices do not defile a person. They may influence but the heart is the issue?" Agree or disagree?

4. In what ways do we as Christ followers need to be careful that we do not mistake spirituality with righteousness?

5. What did Pilate believe to be the right response to Jesus and his accusers? What value judgment(s) did he make?

6. Draw comparisons between the exchange of Jesus for Barabbas and what Jesus did on our behalf.

Do

1. Which of the personal applications are most relevant for your life?