

**I. Introduction: The Jews brought Jesus to Pilate and charged Him with being an insurrectionist, but Pilate interrogated Jesus and pronounced Him innocent of their charges.**

**II. The Rightful King of the Jews (John 18:28-38).**

**A. The Jew's Hypocrisy (vv. 28-30).**

1. The Jewish leaders would not enter the house of Pilate so that they might not defile themselves for the Passover, yet they were willing to kill Jesus, their Messiah.

**B. The Governor's Duplicity (vv. 31-32).**

1. Pilate gave the Jews permission to take Jesus and try Him, effectively attempting not to get involved in Jesus' case while maintaining a superficial sense of justice.

**C. The Savior's Identity (vv. 33-34).**

1. Pilate privately interviewed Jesus and asked Him about the charges the Jews had brought against Him, but Jesus used this situation to reveal His true identity.

**D. The King's Purity (vv. 35-38).**

1. Jesus told Pilate that He is a King, but that Rome did not need to worry about Him being a political rival because His kingdom was not of this world.

**III. Conclusion: The Jewish leaders tried to convince Pilate to crucify their King, but Jesus proved that He was innocent of insurrection, though He was Israel's King.**

## Questions About: The Rightful King of the Jews

1. What did the Jews charge Jesus with before Pilate? (**Matt 27:11-14**) What was the good confession that Jesus made before Pilate? (**1 Tim 6:13**) How was Jesus Israel's rightful King?
2. How did the Jews reveal their hypocrisy regarding Jesus? (**John 18:28-30**) Why were they worried that they would be defiled? (**v. 28**) What were they doing that was far worse?
3. Why did Pilate ask for an official accusation? (**John 18:29**) Why did the Jews not answer this question directly? (**John 18:30**) What were they hoping Pilate would do for them?
4. What did Pilate permit the Jews to do with Jesus? (**John 18:31-32**) What was their objection to Pilate's ruling? (**v. 31**) Why did Rome not permit Jews to execute criminals?
5. Why did Pilate ask Jesus if He was the King of the Jews? (**John 18:33-34**) Why did Jesus answer Pilate the way that He did? (**v. 34**) How was He trying to determine if Pilate believed the charges?
6. Why was Pilate particularly interested in Jesus' claim to be a King? (**John 18:33-34**) How was he responsible for keeping the peace in Judea? What did he know about the Jews? (**Matt 27:18**)
7. Why did Pilate ask Jesus about the real reason the Jews had arrested Him? (**John 18:35-38**) How did Jesus answer Pilate's question? (**v. 36**) What did this tell Pilate about Jesus' intentions?
8. What did Jesus say His mission was as Israel's King? (**John 18:37-38**) Why did Pilate declare Jesus innocent? (**v. 38**) Why did Pilate crucify Jesus later if He was innocent?

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you to obey Him from the heart as well as in your actions.
2. Ask Jesus to help you proclaim the truth of the Gospel to those around you with boldness.