



The People Who Missed Jesus

John 18:26-19:16

1. Sermon intro Video: **David please read the titles of Jesus out loud on mic.**
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John 18:28-36, Jesus' trial before Caiaphas ended in the early hours of the morning. Then he was taken to the headquarters of the Roman governor. His accusers didn't go inside because it would defile them, and they wouldn't be allowed to celebrate the Passover.²⁹ So Pilate, the governor, went out to them and asked, "What is your charge against this man?"³⁰ "We wouldn't have handed him over to you if he weren't a criminal!" they retorted.³¹ "Then take him away and judge him by your own law," Pilate told them. "Only the Romans are permitted to execute someone," the Jewish leaders replied.³² (This fulfilled Jesus' prediction about the way he would die.)³³ Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him.³⁴ Jesus replied, "Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?"³⁵ "Am I

a Jew?" Pilate retorted. "Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?"³⁶ Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world." **PRAY**

- I. **The religious leaders missed Jesus.** John 18:38

- II. **The political leaders missed Jesus.** John 18:33-38; 19:14

A. Pilate tried to put the responsibility on the Jews in v. 31.

B. Pilate tried to use Barabbas as a substitute. John 18:38-39

John 18:38-38, Then he went out again to the people and told them, "He is not guilty of any crime."³⁹ But you have a custom of asking me to release one prisoner each year at Passover. Would you like me to release this 'King of the Jews'?"

John 19:1-3, Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip.² The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him.³ "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, as they slapped him across the face.

C. Pilate tried to compromise by having Jesus beaten. John 19:1-3

John 19:15, “Away with him,” they yelled. “Away with him! Crucify him!” “What? Crucify your king?” Pilate asked.

D. Pilate tried to appeal to the sympathy of the people. John 19:15

John 18:39-40, Then he went out again to the people and told them, “He is not guilty of any crime.”³⁹ But you have a custom of asking me to release one prisoner each year at Passover. Would you like me to release this ‘King of the Jews’?”⁴⁰ But they shouted back, “No! Not this man. We want Barabbas!” (Barabbas was a revolutionary.)

John 19:6-7, When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” “Take him yourselves and crucify him,” Pilate said. “I find him not guilty.”⁷ The Jewish leaders replied, “By our law he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God.”

John 19:12-15, Then Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, “If you release this man, you are no ‘friend of Caesar.’ Anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel against Caesar.”¹³ When they said this, Pilate brought Jesus out to them again. Then Pilate sat down on the judgment seat on the platform that is called the Stone

Pavement (in Hebrew, Gabbatha).¹⁴ It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, “Look, here is your king!”¹⁵ “Away with him,” they yelled. “Away with him! Crucify him!” “What? Crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the leading priests shouted back.

III. The angry mob missed Jesus. John 18:39-40; 19:12-15

APPLY GOD’S TRUTH:

1. Who do YOU say that Jesus is?
2. You can choose to acknowledge His as Lord of all today OR be forced to acknowledge in judgment.
3. How and who can you specifically share this Truth with?