

REFLECT

1. How would you summarize this week's sermon for a friend who didn't hear it?

ENCOUNTER

The last two weeks have explored Jesus before Pontius Pilate. The Gospel of John glories in Jesus' real authority even before human authorities like the Sanhedrin and Pilate. Jesus also reorients our view of his rule and his kingdom. Jesus will be a king like no other king. And his kingdom will be like no other kingdom. His will be a cross-shaped kingdom.

Reread and study again John 18:33-19:21. See the glory that "Jesus is King."

2. Make a list of every occurrence of Jesus being treated or called a king. Don't forget to include the mocking "kingly" treatment of Jesus.

3. Make a list of every occurrence of the word "authority."

4. How would you summarize your study?

TRANSFORM

5. How does the kingly cross expand or confront your idea of who Jesus is?
6. How does a kingly cross transform your view of service, suffering, and success?

PRAYER REQUESTS

One More Disciple

"A king who dies on the cross must be the king of a rather strange kingdom."

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer ~