



Gospel Of John Series – 118
THE SOVEREIGN CHRIST ON TRIAL - Part 2
THE SOVEREIGN CHRIST AND THE KINGDOM OF TRUTH
John 18:33–40

INTRODUCTION

BIG PICTURE

Jesus is the true King whose kingdom is not established by worldly power but through truth, righteousness, and sacrificial redemption.

I. THE QUESTION ABOUT HIS KINGSHIP - 18:33–35

WHO IS JESUS?

- A teacher?
- A prophet?
- A moral example?
- A historical figure?
- Or is He the King?

Jesus Forces the Question: Who is Jesus to you?

Matthew 16:15 - *"But who do you say that I am?"*

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

II. THE DECLARATION OF HIS KINGDOM - 18:36-37

A. His Kingdom Is Different

B. His Kingdom Is Spiritual

Colossians 1:13: *"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."*

III. THE DECLARATION OF TRUTH - 18:37

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

- The truth is that God is holy.
- The truth is that humanity is sinful.
- The truth is that judgment is coming.
- The truth is that salvation is found in Christ.
- The truth is that Jesus is the Son of God.
- The truth is that He came to die for sinners.
- The truth is that He rose again.
- The truth is that He is coming again.

Biblical Christianity isn't merely: *"I know the truth."*
It is: *"I submit myself to the truth."*

IV. THE REJECTION OF HIS TRUTH - 18:38

Truth Is Not Merely a Concept

John 14:6: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."*

Truth is ultimately found in a person. Jesus Christ.

V. THE RELEASE OF THE GUILTY - 18:39-40

THE GREAT PICTURE OF SUBSTITUTION

We are guilty. $\longrightarrow$ Christ is innocent.
We deserve judgment. $\longrightarrow$ Christ takes judgment.
We deserve death. $\longrightarrow$ Christ gives life.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Submit to the King

2. Stand on the Truth

3. Rejoice in Your Release

Romans 8:1 *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*