



Gospel Of John Series – 117
THE SOVEREIGN CHRIST ON TRIAL - Part 1
The Sovereign King Before Pilate
John 18:28–40

INTRODUCTION

BIG PICTURE

Though Jesus appears to be on trial before Pilate, Pilate is actually standing before the true Judge and King.

They Were Concerned About Defilement - *Mark 7:21–23*

I. THE HOSTILITY OF THE ACCUSERS — vv. 28–29

- A. Their Hatred Was Determined (John 11:53)
- B. Their Hatred Was Religious - 18:28
- C. Their Hatred Was Blind (John 15:24–25)
- D. Their Hatred Was Ultimately Against God - John 15:23

It is possible to be religious without being righteous.

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 HYPOCRISY OF THE ACCUSERS — vv. 30–32

- A. They Had a Conclusion Without Evidence - 18:30
- B. They Had Anger Without Justice - 18:31
- C. They Had Religion Without Righteousness (Matthew 23:23)
- D. They Had Zeal Without Truth (Romans 10:2)

III. THE AUTHORITY OF THE SOVEREIGN — vv. 31–32

- A. Jesus Predicted His Death (John 12:32–33)
- B. Jesus Planned His Death (John 10:17–18)
- C. Jesus Fulfilled the Prophets (Isaiah 53:10–12)
- D. Jesus Fulfilled the Father's Plan (Acts 2:23)
- E. Jesus Fulfilled the Father's Purpose (Acts 4:27–28)
- F. Jesus Was Moving Toward the Cross (Mark 10:33–34)

IV. THE PURPOSE OF THE SOVEREIGN — vv. 18:32

- A. The Cross Was Planned (1 Peter 1:18–20)
- B. The Cross Was Prophetic (Isaiah 53:5)
- C. The Cross Was Penal (1 Peter 2:24)
- D. The Cross Was Substitutionary (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- E. The Cross Was Purposeful (John 3:16)