

The Gospel of John: Jesus' Trial
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Text: John 18:28-19:16a (page 904-905)

The scared religious leaders (John 18:28-32)

The King of Truth (John 18:33-38)

The manipulated crowd (John 18:39-40)

The pressured Governor (John 19:1-8)

The Sacrificial Lamb (John 19:9-11)

John 19:12-16

Pilate - Traded the Messiah for security

Religious Leaders - Traded the Messiah for a sliver of power

Crowd - Traded the Messiah for a murderer

Jesus - Traded His life for yours

Memory Verse: John 18:37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.

Food for Thought for the week of January 20, 2019

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Identify the characters in John's account of Jesus' trial. Discuss their motivations. Why are they doing what they're doing?
2. What surprises you about Jesus' trial? What about Jesus' attitude and responses surprise you?
3. Have you ever put Jesus on trial? In other words, have you had questions and doubts about Jesus?
4. We see that the other groups/characters in the story were willing to trade Jesus for other things. What are ways that you exchange Jesus for other things in your life?