

John 18 Discussion Questions

Comprehension- thoughts on what we just heard? Anything stand out?

Interpretation

When Jesus says, "I am he" in verse 6, Why did they draw back and fall to the ground?

Verses 12-13 tell us they bound Jesus. They bound him after he willingly surrendered and healed an ear? Was that necessary? As Jesus is questioned, why are they all so hostile to him, slapping him for not answering correctly?

Verse 28 says that the priest and the crew did not enter the governors palace to avoid ceremonial uncleanliness, because "they wanted to eat the Passover." What does that tell you about the condition of their hearts and where their focus was?

Pilate asks them what their charges are. Do they give a good/acceptable answer?

What does Jesus mean, 'everyone on the side of truth listens to me' in verse 37? Can there be truth for unbelievers?

Application

Jesus doesn't fight against God's plan, He knows the purpose for his life. Are there things going on in your life that need to be accepted? Is there a path God's guiding you down that you find yourself resisting?

John 19 Discussion Questions

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Interpretation

A lot of focus on Pilate in this chapter. In chapter 18, Pilate seems reluctant to do anything with Jesus, but why then in 19:1-3 does he go ALL OUT...flogging, thorn crown, purple robe, mocking, slapping? Is Pilate cleared of his role in Jesus' death since he found no charge against Jesus and he tried to release him? V.6 Read verse 11, Does Jesus imply that Pilate's not the guilty party? What are your thoughts on what Jesus says to him?

John tells us that several scriptures were fulfilled in this chapter, why is this important?

What did Jesus mean when he said, "it is finished?"

Joseph and Nicodemus were closet Jesus followers, but they risked it all to properly bury him, why do you think they were willing to go public now?

Application

Jesus, in the midst of all of this torture and pain, thought of his mother and her future and made a provision for her to be taken care of by John. How we should care for our own parents in their aging years, how do you feel about this? Are you prepared to follow Jesus' example?

Are you a closet Jesus follower? Are there ways or certain scenarios that you try to keep your faith on the down low?

The Trials of Jesus

Religious Trials

1. John 18:12-24	Judge	Annas	Decision	sent to High Priest
2. Matt. 26:57-68		Caiaphas		death for blasphemy
3. Matt. 27:1-2		Sanhedrin		death sentence declared

The Civil Trials

	Judge		Decision	
1. John 18: 28-38		Pilate		not guilty
2. Luke 23:6-12		Herod		not guilty
3. John 18:39-19:6		Pilate		not guilty, but allowed crucifixion

Prophecies fulfilled by the Death of Jesus (in John's Gospel)

Fulfillment in John's Gospel

OT Prophecy

Betrayed by a friend (18:2)	Psalm 41:9
In obedience to His Father (18:11)	Psalm 40:8
Announced Himself (18:32 see also 3:14)	Numbers 21:8, 9
He died for His people (18:14)	Isaiah 53:4-6
Died with criminals (19:18)	Isaiah 53:12; Ps. 22:16
Was innocent (19:6)	Isaiah 53:9
Crucified (19:18)	Psalm 22:16
Gambled for His clothes (19:23-24)	Psalm 22:18
Gave Him sour wine (19:28-30)	Psalm 69:21
No bones broken (19:33)	Exodus 12:46; Ps. 34:20
Pierced in death (19:34)	Zechariah 12:10
Buried in a rich man's tomb (19:38-41)	Isaiah 53:9
Body anointed with myrrh and aloes (19:39)	Psalm 45:8