

Sermon Discussion Questions



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“JESUS REVEALED AND REVEILED”

Big Idea: In the trial, Jesus is revealed to us and reviled for us.

Discuss

Last week we looked at the account of the religious trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin. This week we are considering the political trial of Jesus before Pilate, the Roman prefect of the province of Judea. Details given in the other gospel accounts make it clear that Pilate was a reluctant (or at the very least, self-protective) judge in this trial. John tells us that Pilate announced that he found no basis for a charge against Jesus, while Matthew relates the story of Pilate publicly washing his hands to proclaim that he was innocent of Jesus' blood. (See John 18:38 and Matt. 27:24)

What we primarily want to focus on here, however, is not so much the actions or mindset of Pilate, but what is revealed to us about our Savior, Jesus.

- 1) Much that is described in Mark's account of Jesus' trial and crucifixion is a fulfillment of the prophecies of Isaiah 53:2-7.
 - Looking at both the description of the Messiah in Isaiah and the account of Jesus' trial before Pilate, what would you say was true of Jesus as he faced both mockery and brutality?
 - To approach this question from another angle, try to summarize what you would say if you were explaining Jesus' trial (including Jesus' behavior during the trial) to someone who knew very little about Jesus and Christianity.
- 2) When Pilate asked Jesus if he was king of the Jews, what did he mean?
 - When we as Christians say that Jesus is the King of glory, what do we mean? How does Jesus being King affect your daily life?
- 3) Having reached the end of this passage in Mark, we have now seen Jesus contrasted with Judas, Jesus contrasted with Peter, and Jesus contrasted with Pilate and Barabbas.
 - If you had to fill in the blank in this sentence, what would you say? "Compared to these men, Jesus was _____."
- 4) Less than a week before Jesus' trial, there were people in Jerusalem shouting "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" In answer to Pilate, the crowds shouted, "Crucify him!"
 - Were these different people/crowds? Or the same people? Explain your answer.
 - Can you see yourself as a member of the crowd that shouted, "Crucify him?" Why or why not?

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SPEAKER: Brian/Chad

SERIES: The Gospel of Mark

PASSAGE: Mark 15:1-20

Pray

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us
free you did not abhor the Virgin's
womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven
to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand
in glory. We believe that you will
come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your
people, bought with the price of
your own blood, and bring us with
your saints to glory everlasting.
Amen.

– taken from the "Te Deum," an
ancient Christian prayer that dates
back to at least the 5th century

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