

## The King's Mission > John 18:19-40

**18:19-24** Jesus questioned by Annas – the former high priest is looking for some way to condemn Jesus, something that he can use to get rid of this troublesome teacher. Yet Christ is perfectly and entirely blameless.

**18:25-27** Peter questioned – unlike Jesus, Peter will not be found blameless. Instead, he denies Christ two more times (three in total, **18:17**).

**18:28-32** Jesus is brought to Pilate – ironically, the religious leaders think of themselves as quite holy while they are plotting the murder of Jesus. Their concerns are for themselves, and in hoping to get Pilate to do their dirty work for them.

**18:33-40** Jesus questioned by Pilate – the questioning focuses primarily on whether Jesus is a king (and therefore a threat to Rome). Christ responds by speaking of a different kind of kingdom and – just as before – no guilt is found in Jesus.

**Context:** We have entered into the final hours of Christ's earthly life. The crucifixion, death, and burial will soon follow.

**Aim:** The contrast between not only Annas and Jesus, but also Peter and Jesus and Pilate and Jesus, shows us clearly the righteousness and holiness of our Savior. His "hour" has come, prophecy is being fulfilled, all according to plan.

**Gospel:** Christ has come to speak what is true and invites all who hear to respond in faith. His death will save sinners.

**Applications:** To enter Christ's kingdom, we need Christ's forgiveness. Have you called on Him for it? Do you trust Him?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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