

## DO YOU KNOW HIM?

*"The Choice is Yours"*

**John 19:1-16**

### INTRODUCTION:

1. The Gospel of John covers the approximately 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years of Jesus ministry from His Baptism to His Ascension.
2. In Chapter 13 we find Jesus in the Upper Room with His disciples.
  - a) **John 13:1**
  - b) 3 Passovers are covered during Jesus ministry.
    - 1) **John 2:13**
    - 2) **John 6:4**
    - 3) **John 11:55-57**

### FOUR THINGS WE SEE ABOUT JESUS AS KING

#### I. WE SEE JESUS HUMILITY ON DISPLAY

##### 1. Vs 1-5

##### 2. Vs 1

a) "**Pilate**" - Pontius **Pilate** served as the prefect of Judaea from 26 to 36 A.D. He convicted Jesus of treason and declared that Jesus thought himself King of the Jews, and had Jesus crucified. **Pilate** died 39 A.D. The cause of his death remains a mystery.

3. What we now have is the "Religious antagonists" and the "Roman Politicians" forming an unlikely alliance against Jesus.

##### 4. Vs 1

a) "**flogged**" - scourging

- 1) This was a brutal form of punishment.
- 2) The victim was stripped and then bound to a post and beaten by several torturers in turn.
- 3) The punishment would continue until the torturers were exhausted, the commanding officer decided when to stop.
- 4) And the victim often would die.
- 5) The body would be torn and lacerated.
- 6) The muscles and bones, veins, and organs would often be exposed.
- 7) The punishment was so brutal that Roman citizens were exempt from it.

##### 5. Vs 2

a) This was a mockery of His Kingship.

- b) "*arrayed him in a purple robe*"  
1) Purple was the color of royalty.

6. Vs 3a

- a) "*Hail, King of the Jews*"  
1) Jesus endured such mockery.  
b) "*and they struck him with their hands*"

7. Vs 4

- a) Pilate is stuck in the middle.

b) If we were to combine all 4 gospels together we would see that Pilate says no less than 7 times: "*I find no guilt in Him.*"

8. Vs 4-6

9. James 4:17

- a) Pilate knew that what he was doing was wrong.

10. LISTEN UP: There are things that we say and do that we know are not right, but we think it will be beneficial; BUT IN THE END WE WILL LOSE.

11. Vs 5-6

## II. WE LEARN THAT OUR KING IS GOD

1. Vs 6

- a) Mobs and riots erupted because they hated Jesus.

2. Vs 7a

- a) "*We have a law*"  
b) *Leviticus 24:16*

3. John 5:38-39

4. Unless your Bible reading leads you into a deeper relationship with Jesus, you miss the point of the Bible.

5. Vs 7b

- a) *John 10:30*

6. It all comes down to the issue of whether or not Jesus is God.

a) Jesus claimed to be God.

1) **John 5:18; 8:58; 10:30-33**

7. Jesus is the most important figure in the history of the world.

### III. WE LEARN THAT OUR KING IS LORD

1. **Vs 8**

2. Pilate is afraid because Caesar is unstable and Pilate knew it.

a) Pilates job was to keep the peace and collect taxes.

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Here's a lesson to learn...Any decision you make that is based in fear...will almost always be the wrong decision.

4. As Christians we are constantly put in a position to make decisions under duress and pressure.

a) We must do so by faith and not by fear.

5. **Vs 8-9**

a) "What am I going to do?"

1) "I find no fault in this man!!"

6. **Vs 10**

7. Pilates primary concern was winning now!

a) Jesus primary concern was to worship.

8. **Matthew 27:19**

9. **Vs 11b**

a) "*the greater sin*"

1) Judas and the Jews who had the truth.

2) And the result is greater punishment.

3) **Revelation 20:11-12**

4) **1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

b) Faith and obedience bring eternal rewards.

10. History tells us that Pilates career moved forward because of what he did to Jesus.

a) But years later he committed suicide.

b) All he had to do was to repent and believe.

#### IV. WE LEARN THAT OUR KING IS REJECTED

1. Vs 12

a) The unlikely alliance.

2. Vs 13

a) The judge now judges THE JUDGE OF THE UNIVERSE.

3. Vs 14

a) The sixth hour - noon

4. Vs 15

a) "*We have no king but Caesar*"

#### CONCLUSION:

1. So if you are going through a difficult time in your life there is good news.

2. *Hebrews 4:15*

3. Where do you see yourself?

a) The Mob - Offended by the latest offense?

b) The Political Establishment - Doing what benefits me

c) The Legalist - Everything done without grace - the letter of the law

d) The Religionist - Going through religious routine

4. **THE CHOICE IS YOURS** - we are all part of the problem.