

John 18:28-19:17

Scripture Verse: "Jesus answered... 'Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'" John 18:37

Main Truth: **God wants all people to believe in Jesus.**

"We must see the governor!" Yelled the angry men. "We must talk with Pilate now!" The leaders were demanding to see the Roman leader, the Governor, named Pilate.

Pilate heard the voices. It was very early in the morning. "What could be all of this shouting about?" He wondered.

The sun was shining brightly as the governor went outside to see what all the fuss was about. He saw the Jewish leaders bringing him Jesus. Now, Jesus had done nothing wrong. Jesus lived a perfect life. Jesus never, ever sinned. Jesus always did what God the Father wanted Him to do. But, the Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to die, so they brought him to the Roman leader's palace. (which is like a royal, fancy castle)

Pilate looked at Jesus and asked the men, "Why do you bring Him to me?"

The Jewish leaders answered, "He is a criminal, and we wouldn't have brought Him to you unless He has done something wrong."

Pilate told them, "Well, take Him yourself and do what you need to do according to your laws."

The Jewish leaders answered, "He says He is a king, but He is not. And we are not allowed to put anyone to death."

So Pilate took Jesus inside of his palace and asked, "Are You king of the Jews?" Jesus wanted Pilate to know the truth and believe in Him. **God wants all people to believe in Jesus.**

Jesus responded, "Do you really want to know if I am king, or are you listening to other people?" Sadly, Pilate didn't answer yes to Jesus' question. Pilate did not want to know the real truth about Jesus.

Pilate asked Jesus, "What have you done wrong?" Jesus had done nothing wrong. Jesus is without sin. Jesus said, "I am not a king of this world. If my kingdom were here My servants would fight for Me."

Pilate was surprised! "So you are a king?!" He said. Jesus knew Pilate didn't understand what He was trying to tell him. Pilate didn't understand that Jesus is God. Jesus is King of the entire universe. Jesus had left heaven to come to earth. Jesus came to die on the cross and save people from their sin. Jesus wanted Pilate to know the truth and believe in Him, but Pilate did not.

Jesus told Pilate, "I was born into the world to tell people the truth so they can believe in Me and be saved." **John 18:37 says, "Jesus answered...'Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me.'"** Jesus wanted Pilate to know the truth about Him. **God wants all people to believe in Jesus.**

Now Pilate had a choice. Pilate could have asked Jesus what was true. (what God says is real) and he could have listened to Jesus to understand how to be saved from his sin, but Pilate chose not to listen and he did not believe. Pilate went outside to talk to the Jewish leaders again. Pilate said, "This man, Jesus, has done nothing wrong!"

So Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to free Jesus?" The Jewish leaders were angry and shouted over and over again, "No! Crucify Him!" (which means to kill Him on the cross)

Pilate was afraid of the angry Jewish leaders Pilate did not care about the truth. Pilate went back into the palace and allowed Jesus to be beaten and a crown of thorns placed on His head. Pilate then went back outside the palace to see if the people would feel sorry for Jesus and let Jesus go, but they continued to shout, "Crucify Him!" Pilate then gave Jesus to the soldiers to be put on a cross.

Jesus was not afraid. Boys and Girls, Jesus chose to do this for us. God is holy. Jesus knew the penalty for sin must be paid. Jesus knew all the punishment for all people's sins must be put on Him so people could be forgiven. Jesus died on a cross to pay for all sin. This was God's plan. People are saved from sin and can live a life with Jesus forever when they believe this truth about Jesus. **God wants all people to believe in Jesus.**

Q/A

Why did the Jewish leaders take Jesus to the Roman governor named Pilate? They were tired or they wanted Jesus put to death—wanted Jesus to die

Did Jesus ignore Pilate's questions or did Jesus want Pilate to know the truth? Know the truth

Did Pilate want to know the truth about Jesus or did he not care about truth? He didn't care

Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, but what did the Jewish leaders shout out? Crucify

Did Pilate decide to do the right thing or did Pilate listen to the Jewish leaders? The Jewish leaders

Was Jesus afraid or did He know this was the only way to save people from their sin? Only way

Why did Jesus choose to die on the cross? Sin must be punished. Jesus took the punishment so people would not have to.

Did Jesus pay for just some sin or all sin? all

Who does God wants all people to believe in? Jesus

Infant story

Jesus never did anything wrong.

Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to die.

The Jewish leaders took Jesus to a man named Pilate.

Pilate asked Jesus many questions.

Jesus answered Pilate with answers of Truth. Truth is what God says is real.

Jesus wanted Pilate to know the truth about Him.

Pilate sadly didn't listen to Jesus.

Pilate chose to listen to the Jewish leaders who wanted Jesus to die.

Even though Pilate didn't listen to Jesus, Jesus still loved him.

Pilate had Jesus beaten and a crown of thorns put on His head.

Pilate gave Jesus to the soldiers to be put on a cross.

Jesus was not afraid.

Jesus knew sin must be paid for. Jesus chose to take the punishment for sin so people wouldn't have to.

Jesus knew He must die on the cross to save His people from sin.

All people who trust Jesus as their Savior are forgiven and free from sin's punishment.

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