# John Lesson 46

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## INTRODUCTION

- Jesus Christ never denied being a king. But he told us what kind of king he is. He is a king of a spiritual kingdom.
- The Jews did not understand that, and there are those today who do not understand the kind of king that Jesus Christ is.

## 1 Then Led They Jesus Unto the Hall of Judgment

**John 18:28–32**

- Jesus did not try to hide himself from them. He knew that the time of his death was here.
- They were trying to trap Jesus with some word or some action by which they could charge him before the council.
- The real reason they had brought Jesus to Pilate was because it required Pilate's approval or Roman government approval for Jesus to be put to death.

## 2 Signifying What Death He Should Die

**Psalm 22:14–18; Matthew 20:19**

- Nearly a thousand years before this, in Psalm 22, the psalmist had spoken about a crucifixion.
- Crucifixion was not a Jewish form of putting one to death. It was not a Jewish form of capital punishment. It was a Roman form.
- Unwittingly, they fulfilled a prophecy concerning Jesus Christ.

## 3 My Kingdom Is Not of This World

**John 18:33–36; Colossians 1:13–14; John 3:3–5**

- They were looking for an earthly king. Jesus Christ did not fit their idea of that king.
- Just as the Jews who put Jesus to death did not understand the nature of Christ's kingdom, neither do premillennialists of our own day.
- People who are in the kingdom of Christ have been forgiven of sins.
- In the reign of Jesus Christ, you're in the kingdom of God by being born again.

## 4 Christ Is Now Reigning on David's Throne

**Acts 2:29–36; Ephesians 1:20–23; 1 Corinthians 15:23–26**

- Jesus Christ is now king, and he is now reigning on the throne of David.
- If he's on David's throne, he's been raised. If he's not on David's throne, then he's not been raised.
- Today Jesus Christ reigns on the throne of the Lord. In that sense, he is on David's throne.
- When Christ comes again, there will be resurrection, and there will be judgment.

- It is not to establish something on the earth, but rather it is to receive his own, and to deliver that kingdom, that spiritual kingdom, unto the Father.

## 5 What Is Truth?

**John 18:37–38; John 8:32; John 14:6**

- To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.
- I find in him no fault at all.
- Jesus is the source of truth. He is the only source of truth.
- Pilate, though, like a lot of people today who really refuse Jesus as the source of truth, turned away.

## 6 Pilate Tried to Avoid Judgment

**John 18:39–40; Luke 23:5–12**

- There are two different things that Pilate did to try to avoid judgment.
- Pilate sent Jesus unto Herod.
- Pilate surely thought that these people would not let Barabbas go when you put Jesus against Barabbas.
- But Pilate did not understand the depth of their hatred for Jesus Christ.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How do you stand up for Christ? Or maybe you, like a Pilate in attitude, you know what the truth is, but you don't have the courage to stand for it.**

MY NOTES