

Preparation Questions

John 18. 28 – 19.16

The Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth – *The Trial*

Recap: Sum up what we've seen previously about why Jesus goes to his death.

Notice the choreography. To help see what John wants us to learn from this passage it is worth noticing how he arranges his account around Pilate's movements in and out of his headquarters.....

Structure

A) 18v28-32

B) 18v33-38a

C) 18v38b - 40

C) 19v1-3

C) 19v4-8

B) 19v9-11

A) 19v12-16

Have a go at filling in the table.

<p>A)18v28 – 32 (“So Pilate went outside...”)</p>	<p>How are the Jewish religious leaders exposed? What’s the irony of their approach to the Passover given we know who Jesus is and what he has come to do (1v29,36; 6v53-55; 11v49-12v1)?</p>
<p>B)18v33 – 38a (“So Pilate entered his headquarters again ...”)</p>	<p>What do we learn about Jesus’ kingship and his kingdom – what it isn’t and what it is? How does Jesus put Pilate (and us) ‘on trial’ and leave us with a choice in v34 &37?</p>
<p>C) 18.38b – 40 (“... he went back outside ..”)</p>	<p>What do we learn about Jesus from Pilates’ 3 pronouncements in these 3 central sections of the passage? Why is this so important given what Jesus has come to be? (See Exodus 12v5) What should we learn from Pilate’s flogging and mocking of Jesus? (See Isaiah 53v7-9)</p>
<p>C)19.1 – 3 (“Then Pilate took Jesus ...”)</p>	
<p>C)19.4-8 (“Pilate went out again ...”)</p>	
<p>B)19.9 – 11 (“He entered his headquarters again ...”)</p>	<p>What do we learn about Jesus’ kingship and kingdom?</p>
<p>A)19.12 – 16 (So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgement seat ...”)</p>	<p>How are the Jewish religious leaders exposed? What does their cry in 19v15 ironically reveal about their motivations for their actions?</p>

Sum up: What has this passage emphasised for us about i) Jesus’ identity, ii) his role and iii) the nature of his kingdom? What has it emphasised and exposed about i) the Jews, ii) Pilate and iii) humanity?

Ones to keep chewing on: How should this passage challenge us and our friends?