

Lesson 20 - notes - 1

1st Trial Before Pilate

Stage 1 - Outside the Praetorium

Pilate - what accusation do you bring...
Jews - "If he were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him to you."

Pilate - "You judge him
(shelve his responsibility)"

Jews - "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." (only death would satisfy them)

Jesus had predicted what kind of death He should die - John ~~18:32~~^{3:14}, John 10:32

Second Stage - In the Praetorium

with Jesus alone - 4 main questions

1. Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus' answer: "Are you speaking for yourself or did others tell you this concern?
(An appeal to Pilate's own conscience)"

2. Am I a Jew? Your own nation delivered you to me. What have you done?

Jesus' answer: "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom was of this world, my servants would fight, so that I

3. Are you a king, then? (In Greek has question, half exclamation - "So you are a king?")

Jesus' answer: "You say rightly that I am a king"

"To this end I was born". - refers to Jesus' humanity in common with all men.

"For this cause came I into the world."

underlying reference to His pre-existence

"that I should bear witness to the truth" - (Jesus is "the truth.")

John lesson 20 - notes - 2

"Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice."

Jesus presented Pilate with a choice

- to receive his testimony, resulting in eternal life
- to Pilate's own conscience

Two classes of people

Those who belong to truth	Those who do not
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Jesus from above John 3:31, 32	of this world John 15:19 17:14	of this world John 15:19 8:53 John 7:16
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Pilate = what is truth?

(response to Jesus)

cynical, indifferent

truth is relative

You have your truth, I have my truth.

Pilate

Into Praetorium	Out of Praetorium
John 18:33 - "Pilate entered the Praetorium"	John 18:19 - out to them
John 19:1 - "Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him."	John 18:38 - "he went out again to the Jews"
John 19:9 - "and went again into the Praetorium"	John 19:4 - "Pilate then went out again"