

# Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe

## John 18: 33-38

(Mt. 27:11-14; Mk. 15:01-05; Lk. 23:01-04)

### 1. *Pilate goes to Jesus – to hear His defence*

- a. Pilate's scornful question
- b. Jesus' challenge to Pilate:  
A person is responsible  
for his own verdict
- c. Pilate's reaction:  
Contempt for the Jews
- d. Jesus' explanation:  
His kingdom is not  
of this world
- e. Pilate's baffled question:  
Is Jesus a king?
- f. Jesus' claim:  
He is King – to be King  
was the purpose for His birth
- g. Jesus' subtle appeal:  
To hear His words
- h. Pilate's sincere question:  
What is truth?

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace,  
summoned Jesus and asked him,  
“Are you the king of the Jews?”

34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked,  
“or did others talk to you about me?”

35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied.  
“It was your people and your chief priests  
who handed you over to me.  
What is it you have done?”

36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world.  
If it were, my servants would fight  
to prevent my arrest by the Jews.  
But now my kingdom is from another place.”

37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.  
Jesus answered,  
“You are right in saying I am a king.  
In fact,  
for this reason I was born,  
and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.  
Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

38 “What is truth?” Pilate asked.  
With this he went out again  
to the Jews and said,  
“I find no basis for a charge against him.”