



September 13th, 2026

“What is Truth?”

John 18:28-19:3

1. What is ironic about the Jewish leaders refusing to enter Pilate’s headquarters while simultaneously seeking Jesus’ death? (John 18:28)
2. How does Jesus describe His kingdom in verses 36–37? What does He say His kingdom is—and is not?
3. What do you think Pilate means by the question, “What is truth?” Is he sincerely searching, cynical, dismissive, or something else? What in the passage leads you to that conclusion?
4. The sermon contrasted “political truth” with biblical truth. What characteristics of Pilate’s approach to truth did you see in this passage?
 - i. *Where might popular opinion, political pressure, social media, or fear of consequences tempt you to compromise something you know to be true?*
 - ii. *Jesus says, “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” (18:37). What is one area of your life where you need to listen more carefully to Jesus rather than to yourself, culture, or popular opinion?*
5. Why is it significant that the Roman governor declares Jesus innocent while Jesus is nevertheless condemned? Substituted for the criminal Barabbas? (see also Isaiah 53:1-10, 2 Corinthians 5:21)