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“Behold the man. Behold your King!”

John 19:4-22

1. How does beholding Jesus as the Son of Man change the way we understand the scene in John 19? (see Daniel 7:13–14)
2. Pilate's declares that Jesus was innocent three times. How is Jesus' innocence tied to what John the Baptist's says (John 1:29)? Why is Jesus' innocence essential to the gospel?
3. Jesus tells Pilate, “You could have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.” What does this teach us about God's sovereignty over human government?
4. What is ironic about the religious rulers declaring, “We have no king but Caesar”?
5. What competing “kings” or authorities can functionally compete with Christ for our allegiance today? How should the reality that Christ is King affect the way Christians respond when earthly authorities make demands that conflict with God's Word?
6. How does it change the way we see the crucifixion when we recognize that Jesus is not merely a victim of political injustice and religious corruption, but He is God's rightful King accomplishing His purposes through the cross?