

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of March 26, 2017

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the true Son of Man, Son of God, sovereign Ruler, and King of kings who submitted himself to the Father's plan to redeem sinners by suffering cruel humiliation and death on a Roman cross.

This Week's Text: John 18:39-19:16

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." **Daniel 7:13-14**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What trial is Jesus undergoing in this week's passage? What happened during his former trial before the Jewish religious leaders?
- What was Pilate hoping to accomplish by flogging Jesus and then presenting him before the crowd? Did it work? What's ironic about the Roman soldiers placing a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and wrapping him in a purple robe?
- What we can learn about the fact that Jesus suffered at the hands of the religious and Roman leaders in order purchase your redemption? Discuss how God uses evil by bending it to accomplish his good will. Reference Genesis 50:19-20.
- What's ironic about Pilate's statement, "Behold the man"? What theological affirmation do we make by claiming that Jesus is the man? Reference Romans 5:12, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:22; John 1:1-5, 14.
- Why was it necessary for the God-man Jesus Christ to come in flesh, live a righteous life, and suffer the judgment we deserve on the cross? What does this teach us about the heinousness of our sin?

- For what offense did the Jewish leaders convict Jesus? Reference Leviticus 24:16. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells the high priest that he is the Son of Man (Mark 14:62-64). What's remarkable about this claim? Reference Daniel 7:13-14.
- Do you believe that Jesus is the sovereign Judge of the universe or do you struggle with being non-committal?
- What does Jesus reveal to Pilate (and us) about himself in verse 11? How do we live faithfully under King Jesus' authority and as people living under earthly authorities? Reference Romans 13:1.
- What did the chief priests reveal about the condition of their hearts when they answered Pilate in verse 15? What made them blind to the fact that their promised King was in their midst?
- How does this passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?