“For This I Have Come Into the World”

Intro: As we come to our text this Lord’s Day we find that our Lord had been ____________, and He was only hours from ____________ the cross.

A. Having arrested Jesus, they led Him to Annas to be _______________. When Annas finished his ill-contrived interrogation, he sent Jesus bound to be ______ by his son-in-law Caiaphas, the high priest.

I. After Jesus was _______________ tried and condemned by Caiaphas and the high counsel, they led Him to the Praetorium seeking Pilate’s order to have Him ________________.

A. Pilate wanted to know what ________________ had been ____________ against Jesus.

B. The religious leadership wanted Pilate to condemn Jesus ______________ naming a ______________ against Him!

C. Pilate asserted his authority and cornered the accusing Jews so that they would make their ______________ of Jesus known to him, and in so doing they made it known that they wanted Jesus to be ________________.

D. It was in fulfillment of ________________ that Jesus would die by crucifixion by the will of the Jews at the hand of the Gentiles.

II. According to Luke 23:2 Christ’s accusers said that He was a ____________ to Rome.

A. Pilate immediately began to question Jesus regarding the accusations ________________ him.

B. Andreas J. Kostenberger writes, “Pilate’s question seeks to determine whether or not Jesus constituted a political ______________ to Roman imperial power.”

C. Jesus’ counter-question was meant to bring Pilate to good ____________, thus ________________ his only concern, that Jesus might be an insurrectionist and a danger to Roman rule.

D. Pilate confessed that he was prompted by the Jewish leaders’ concern and not his own, so he asked Jesus, “What have you done?” This question is a confession on Pilate’s part that he knew that Jesus was not a threat to Rome, and that the ________________ establishment was ________ about Him.
III. Jesus began to explain to Pilate _______ _________ of a _________ He was.

A. Jesus explained that His kingdom is ______ ___ this ___________. Therefore, He did not seek to overthrow the worldly Roman government. Furthermore, this is why the ______________ ________ Him so: He is not of the world as they are!

B. Macarthur writes, “He was a king, but since He disavowed the use of force and fighting, He was clearly no threat to Rome’s interests. The Lord’s statement rendered the Jews _______________ that He was a revolutionary bent on overthrowing Rome ______________.”

C. Jesus confessed declaring, “You said it right! ___ ____ a king!”

D. ___________ reiterated the fact that He is not of this world, but that He is, in fact, ___________ and no threat to Rome or Jews by saying “for this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world.”

E. Jesus testified to Pilate that He had come to __________ witness to the ___________.

F. And then Jesus declared saying, “Everyone who is of the ___________ ___________ My voice.”

G. Pilate did not hear the truth of Jesus for he questioned the Lord saying, “_________ __ ___________?”

IV. Pilate told the Jews who had accused Jesus of insurrection that he __________ ___ ________ in Him.

Closing: The question is not “What is truth?” but “_______ is Truth? And, as the Written Word of God records, it is ___________ who is the way, and the _________, and the life, and no man comes to the Father but through Him (John 14:6)!

How many are like Pilate? Not necessarily feeling like an enemy of Christ, not necessarily feeling a hatred for Him, perhaps even quite curious about Him, who would go so far as to say they find no fault in Him, but nevertheless reject Him and in the end condemn Him! I tell you, on the Day of Judgment each will give an account for their response to Jesus. There is a hell to shun and a heaven to gain! __________ ________ for your soul, dear one.

___________ is the truth, and every one who is of the truth hears His voice.

This is the Word of God. It is of utmost importance and a most urgent matter: ____________ today, who you will serve!

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