

**“WILL THE REAL KING OF THE UNIVERSE PLEASE COME FORWARD?”
(John 18:28-19:22)**

I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

II. THE INTRODUCTION: WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)

III. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)

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V. THE CROSS & RESURRECTION: DEFINING JESUS AS THE CHRIST (18:1-20:31)

A. The First Civil Trial of the King before Pilate (18:28-38)

1. Following the religious trials, there was a separate prosecution aimed at securing the _____ sentence according to _____ law.

** Did the Jews have any legal authority to exercise capital punishment?*

2. The charges against Jesus by the Jewish authorities all dealt with _____. (Lk. 23:1-5)

** Why was this necessary in God's sovereign plan? (John 3:14; 12:32-33)*

** Was Pilate already aware of their political charges against Jesus? (v. 33)*

3. Christ affirmed both His _____ and _____ to Pilate but explained that these were _____. (18:36-37)

** Was Christ claiming that His kingdom was only spiritual in nature and in the heart?*

** What kind of kingdom did God previously promise in Scripture?*

B. The Second Civil Trial of the King before Herod (Luke 23:6-12)

1. Though Herod thoroughly interrogated Christ, Christ said _____ in response (Isa. 52:7), since Herod only wanted to be _____.

** How was Christ treated by Herod's military men?*

2. Herod sent Christ back to _____, affirming Christ's _____.

C. The Third Civil Trial of the King before Pilate (18:39-19:16)

1. The Jews in their zeal to crucify Christ preferred that _____ be released. (18:39-40)

** How does this illustrate gospel truth?*

2. The sufferings of Christ included _____. (19:1)

** What did this entail?*

3. Christ was also mocked by Pilate's soldiers with the _____ and the _____ . (19:2-3)

** What did this crown symbolize?*

4. Though Pilate believed that Jesus was _____, he was caught in a dilemma between _____ and _____. (19:4-12)

** What do we know about Pilate historically that confirms this?*

5. Though Pilate and others did not realize it, they were ironically depicting Christ's _____. (19:13-22)

** How is this seen in the passage?*

** What can you learn from this?*