



20 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

21 Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. 22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

**LUKE 9:20-22**



# ALONE WITH PILATE

John 18:28-19:16



“Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover”

**JOHN 18:28**

# THE ACCUSATIONS

- “What accusation...?” This was the established protocol under Roman law. While the chief priests and scribes went about trying Jesus in secret with a predetermined outcome, Pilate wanted things out in the open.
- Luke records the specific accusations (Luke 23:2-3). In particular, they imputed their own false expectations of the Messiah on Jesus, and made a wholly unnecessary inference from His claims to be a king (i.e., forbidding tribute to Caesar). Sadly, this is all-too-common today, where we treat the inference about somebody as if it was a fact about that person. We form wild caricatures of our opponents, assume the worst about them, take bits and pieces of what they’ve said out of context, and cleverly rearrange their words to make them sound as bad as possible.



**“So, you are a king?”**

John 18:35-37, Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1-5



**“For this I have  
been born, and for  
this I have come  
into the world”**



“What is truth?”



## SCOURGING THE INNOCENT

- Pilate concludes that no wrongdoing is present in Jesus and tries to assuage the mob with several tactics. Even a hefty beating and an attempt to swap Jesus for an unsavory character like Barabbas prove futile.
- The shift in Pilate's tone is hard to explain, but clearly presents us with a man struggling to wrap his mind around the situation.



**Washing my  
hands doesn't  
undo evil**





“You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin”

**JOHN 19:11**