

Jesus: Strong/Secure

LIFEgroups

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You Have No Power

John 18:28-19:16

Context

This passage describes Pilate's encounter with Jesus when the Jewish religious leaders brought Jesus to him demanding his crucifixion. The scene would have been that of an unruly crowd. As with every person brought into contact with Jesus, Pilate is faced with the truth of who Jesus is. The tension is thick as Pilate contemplates how to respond to the crowd and what he knows about Jesus Christ.

As you read and study this passage let the weight of these last hours in the life of Christ sink in. Imagine the creator of the universe willingly choosing this path for you and me...truly amazing!

Questions:

1. What do you think was going through the mind of Pilate throughout this encounter with Jesus? See also Pilate's wife's input from Matthew 27:29.
2. How many times did Pilate try and defer giving Jesus over to be crucified?
3. Re-read John 18:37. What does it do in your heart when those you know don't believe the truth? What do you think Jesus thought of Pilate?
4. Re-read John 19:11. Who is in control of this situation? How does that impact your study of this passage?
5. What do we know about Barabbas? See Matthew 27:22; Mark 15:7; Luke 23:19 and Acts 3:14. What do we share in common with Barabbas as it relates to Jesus?
6. How does a passage like this frame or refocus your adoration and desire to worship Jesus?
7. Pilate was clearly faced with a decision with what to do with Jesus. What have you done with Him? Does your life match how you answer that question?
8. Spend some time as a group in prayer reflecting on the cross and the immense gratitude that you have for this act of obedience by Jesus Christ.