

SERMON OUTLINE  
9/13/2020

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The Sermon

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**Christ On Trial**  
John 18:28–19:16

- I. Motive trumps justice in an unjust world
  - A. Truth in a kangaroo court (v 28-38)
  - B. An answer...but on a different axis
  - C. Have you ever...?
  
- II. Pragmatism trumps innocence in a self-seeking world
  - A. Legal, but not pragmatic
  - B. The Passover backstory and the gospel
  - C. Have you ever...?

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## REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. Jesus' suffering as he approaches the cross is unique; none of us endure what he did "once for all". Yet, Jesus tells us to "take up our cross, and follow him." There are elements of his suffering, therefore, which we should not be surprised to experience. One of those elements is unjust treatment. Sometimes, we do injustice. Sometimes injustice is done to us. Can you find evidences of that in your story? How does that impact your worship of this Savior?
2. What's the difference between saying "my kingdom is not 'in' this world" and "my kingdom is not 'from' this world." How does that one-word shift change one's view of Christian action in our world?
3. How did Pilate "get played" by the Jewish leaders? How was Jesus vindicated even in a corrupt system? How can/should these realities impact our ability to trust God in our place and time in God's grand story of redemption?