

John: The Gospel of Light and Life, 19:1-16

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Pilate says that he finds no guilt in Jesus (vs. 3), and yet he has Jesus scourged. While recognizing that the life and death of Jesus is exceptional in many ways, how important should the concept and application of justice be for the believer today?
3. Of this passage, C. H. Spurgeon said, "Oh, that we were half as inventive in devising honor for our King as these soldiers were in planning his dishonor!" How can you use your authority and influence to purposefully honor Jesus this week?
4. In verse 9 Jesus gives no answer to Pilate's question. Are there times when it is wise for a Christian not to engage with the questions or accusations of the world? Explain.
5. In verses 10 and 11 Pilate and Jesus discuss authority. How should we, as Christians, determine when and how to submit to our authorities when they seem to conflict?
6. From verse 11, in what way can a sin be "greater" than another?
7. What person, status, or thing might you be tempted to preserve or protect even if it meant making moral compromises?
8. How can we find hope in the trials we face through meditation on the trials of Christ in His last hours?