**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, THAT’S MYKING!**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 18:33 -38 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?34Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?35Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?36Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.37Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.38Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault!**

**ALLOW ME TO SAY…HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY TO ALL IN THE HOUSE TODAY, TURN AROUND AND SAY…MY KING IS RISEN!!! Repeat over and over!!**

**In John 18: 33-38 We have an account of Christ’s arraignment before Pilate, the Roman governor, in the *hall of judgment*; The Jews, Being resolved on his death, they took this course, and they hurried him, to get him condemned in the Roman court, to be tried and executed by the Roman powers to be.**

**a. That he might be put to death the more legally, according to the present constitution of their government, ….but they had an evil plan behind this!**

**b. Their whole idea was if they could only engage the Roman government in the matter, which the people stood in awe of, there would be little danger of an uproar by His followers.**

**c. *The death of the cross*, which the Romans commonly used, being of all deaths the most common, they were desirous by it to put a final mark of infamy upon him, and so to sink his reputation for ever. But it backfired because they did not understand it was God!!**

4. **Their Evil plan was Get Rome to do their dirty work!** **That he might be put to death with less quilt to them. It was an wicked and evil thing to put one to death that had done so much good in the world, and therefore they were willing to throw the quilt upon the Roman government, to make that the less acceptable to the people, and save themselves from the quilt.**

**Their superstition and hypocrisy:**

***The chief priests and elders*, though they came along with the prisoner, that the thing might be done effectually, *did not enter into the judgment-hall*, because it was the house of an uncircumcised Gentile, *lest they should be defiled*, but stayed out of doors, *that they might eat the passover*, therefore would not go into the court, for fear of touching a Gentile, and thereby contracting, traditional pollution. This they were reluctant, but did not hesitate to break through all the laws to persecute Christ to the death. In other words according to scriptures….*They strained at a gnat, and swallowed a camel*.**

**Pilate’s conference with the prosecutors.** **They were called first, and stated what they had to say against the prisoner.**

**Pilate The judge calls for the indictment. Because they would not come into the hall, *he went out to them* into the court before the house, to talk with them.**

**(2.) He might have said, “If they be so nice as not to come in to me, let them go home as they came;”**

 **(3 Pilate asked.. “*What accusation bring you against this man*?” What is the crime you charge him with, and what proof have you of it? It was a standard of Roman law, that *No man should be condemned unheard*. It is unreasonable to commit a man, without bringing some cause against him, and much more to arraign a man when there is no justification bill of indictment found against him.**

**2. The Jews …The prosecutors demand judgment against him upon a general surmise that he was a criminal, not alleging, much less proving, anything in particular *worthy of death or of bonds* so they said, *If he were not a criminal*, or evildoer, *we would not have delivered him to thee* to be condemned.**

**They were very rude and uncivil to Pilate, it was a company of ill-natured men. Pilate was so complacent to them as to come out to treat with them.**

**Very spiteful and malicious towards our Lord Jesus: right or wrong, they will have him to be a criminal, and treated as one.** **We are to presume a man innocent till he is proved guilty, but they will presume him guilty till he could prove himself innocent.**

**They could not say, “He is a traitor, a murderer, a felon, a breaker of the peace,” but they say, “He is an evil-doer.” He is an evil-doer who *went about doing good*!** **HUH!!!???**

**If Jesus were to call in His witnesses…..He could’ve called those whom he had cured, and fed, and taught; those whom he has rescued from devils, and raised from death; and let them be asked whether he be an evil-doer or no they would say a different story! Pilate would have thrown out the case!!!! But the prophecies had to be fulfilled!!!**

**But Pilate said…“*Take you him, and judge him according to your* own *law*, and do not trouble me with this man.”**

**The Jews knew that any Corporal punishment they might inflict, as *scourging in their synagogues*; whether capital or no is uncertain would not be good enough!**

**“But, Pilate warned them and said to them, “go as far as your law will allow you, and, if you go further, it shall be dealt with.” “Pray,” saith Pilate, “if you will be so, you have found him guilty by your own law, condemn him, if you dare, by your own law.**

**The Jews answered Pilate… “*It is not lawful for us to put any man to death*, whatever less punishment we may inflict, and this is an outright criminal whom we would have the blood of.” would be useless!!!** ***It is not* in our power to pass sentence of death upon *any*, if we do, we shall have the mob about us immediately.**

**But what all this amounts to is a full evidence that *the sceptre was departed from Judah*, and therefore that now the Messiah was come, If the Jews have no power *to put any man to death*, where is the sceptre?**

**Now, if they had *judged him by their law*, he had been stoned; burning, strangling, and beheading, were in some cases used among the Jews, but never crucifying. It was therefore necessary that Christ should be put to death by the Romans, that, being *hanged upon a tree*, he might be *made a curse for us* (**[**Gal. 3:13**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Gal.3.13)**), and *his hands and feet* might be *pierced*. As the Roman power always did!**

**So now Pilate is left with no other choice but to take matter into his own hands …**

**Pilate has a personal conference with the prisoner,**

**1. The prisoner was now about to be set to the bar. Pilate, after he had conferred with the chief priests at his door, entered into the hall, and called for Jesus to be brought in. He would not examine him in the crowd, where he might be disturbed by the noise, but ordered him to be brought *into the hall*; for he made no difficulty of going in among the Gentiles. therefore *Christ, being made sin and a curse for us*, was arraigned as a criminal.**

**Pilate questions Jesus…** **Here is the question put to him, with a design to ensnare him and to find out something upon which to ground an accusation: “*Art thou the king of the Jews*—*that king of the Jews* who has been so much talked of and so long expected—Messiah the prince, are you him? Or Do you pretend to be he? Do you call thyself, and wouldest thou be thought so?” “What! *art thou a king*, *Art thou the king of the Jews??***

**Christ answers Pilate,** **his question with another; not for evasion, but as an intimation to Pilate to consider what he did, and upon what grounds he went (**[**John 18:34**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John.18.34)**): “*Sayest thou this thing of thyself*, from a suspicion arising in thy own breast, *or did others tell it thee of me***, **and dost thou ask it only to satisfy them! thou oughtest to consider who they are, and upon what principles they go, and whether those who present me as an *enemy to Caesar* are not really such themselves.!!!**

**Pilate now answers Jesus…“No,” says he; “*am I a Jew*, that thou suspectest me to be in the plot against thee? I know nothing of a Messiah, nor desire to know, and therefore I am not interested in the dispute who is the Messiah is and who is not; the dispute who is the Messiah and who not; it is all alike to me.” I really don’t care who is what?**

**Christ had declined answering that question, *Art thou the king of the Jews*?**

**So Pilate puts another question to him more general, “*What hast thou done*? What provocation hast thou given to thy own nation, and particularly the priests, to be so violent against thee? Surely there cannot be all this smoke without some fire, what is it?”**

**Christ, in his next reply**, **gives a more full and direct answer to Pilate’s former question**, ***Art thou a king*?**

**Christ is a king, and has a kingdom, but *not of this world.*****Its rise is not from this world; the kingdoms of men arise *out of the sea and the earth* (**[**Dan. 7:3; Rev. 13:1, 11**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan.7.3,Rev.13.1,Rev.13.11)**); but *the holy city comes from God out of heaven*,** [**Rev. 22:2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev.22.2)**.**

 **Pilate needed to understand a few things of His kingdom it is not by succession, election, or conquest, but by the immediate and special designation of the divine will and counsel of the Father!!**

**Its nature is not worldly**; **it is a kingdom within men (**[**Luke 16:21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke.16.21)**), set up in their hearts and consciences (**[**Rom. 14:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rom.14.17)**), its riches spiritual, its powers spiritual, and *all its glory are within men*.**

**Its guards and supports are not worldly;** its weapons are not carnal but spiritual. It neither needed nor used secular force to maintain and advance it.

**If he had designed an opposition to the government**, he would have fought them at their own weapons, and would have repelled force with force of the same nature; but he did not take this course:

**Jesus answered Pilate…** *If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews*.

**My kingdom would be ruined by them** so, He did not order them to fight; if anything he forbade them, which was an evidence both that he did not depend upon worldly aids **(for he could have summoned *legions of angels* into his service,** which showed that his *kingdom was from above*),

**Pilate’s plain question:** **“*Art thou a king then*? Thou speakest of a kingdom thou hast; art thou then, in any sense, a king? Explain thyself.”**

**Jesus answered**: ***Thou sayest that I am a king*, that is, It is as thou sayest, I am a king; for *I came to bear witness of the truth!!***

**He explains himself, and shows how he is a king, as *he came to bear witness of the truth*; he rules in the minds of men by the power of truth, Jesus said, *For this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world*.**

**Pilate may have thought it to mean, to rule the nations, to conquer kings, and to take possession of kingdoms; but this wasn’t the case!!**

***He came to be a witness*, a witness for the God that made the world, and against sin that ruins the world, and by this *word of his testimony* he sets up, and keeps up, his kingdom.**

 **Christ’s mission into the world**, **and his business in the world, were *to bear witness to the truth*.**

 **To reveal it**, **to discover to the world that which otherwise could not have been known concerning God and his will and *good-will to men*,** [**John 1:18; 17:26**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John.1.18,John.17.26)**.**

**To confirm it,** [**Rom. 15:8**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rom.15.8)**. By his miracles *he bore witness to the truth* of religion, the truth of divine revelation, and of God’s perfections and providence, and the truth of his promise and covenant, *that all men through him might believe*. Now by doing this he is a king, and sets up a kingdom.**

**It is with his truth that he shall judge the people,** [**Ps. 96:13**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ps.96.13)**. It is the sceptre of his kingdom; he *draws with the cords of a man*, with truth revealed to us, and received by us in *the love of it*; and thus he *brings thoughts into obedience*. He came *a light into the world*, and rules as the sun by day. (2.) The subjects of this kingdom are those that are *of the truth*. All that by the grace of God are rescued from under the power of *the father of lies*, and are disposed to receive the truth and submit to the power and influence of it, will hear Christ’s voice, will become his subjects, and will bear faith and true allegiance to him. Every one that has any real sense of true religion will entertain the Christian religion, and they belong to his kingdom; by the power of truth he makes them willing,** [**Ps. 90:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ps.90.3)**. All that are in love with truth will hear the voice of Christ, for greater, better, surer, sweeter truths can nowhere be found than are found in Christ, by whom *grace and truth came*; so that, by *hearing Christ’s voice*, we know that we are *of the truth*,** [**1 John 3:19**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1John.3.19)**.**

**(6.) Pilate, hereupon, puts a good question to him, but does not stay for an answer,** [**John 18:38**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John.18.38)**. He said, *What is truth*? and *immediately went out again*. Because He did not want to Hear it! Most people you speak to will not want to hear truth!!!!!**

**Pilate did not understand this great pearl of great price that was standing in front of Him! Sometimes we can speak truth to people but they cant see it because of their blindness to the truth!**

**Truth is that Jesus is that *pearl of great price*** **which the human understanding has a desire for and seeks after it! But this question many that have not patience and constancy enough to persevere in their search after truth don’t have enough patience to receive it when they have found it.**

**Pilate finds no Fault…Upon the whole matter, *I find in him no fault at all*. He supposes there might be some controversy in religion between him and them, wherein he was as likely to be in the right as they; but nothing criminal appears against him.**

**But now Pilate had a great challenge on his hands…find fault or have a major revolt on his hands! So he threw the whole matter back into their hands by using the law to his advantage…Free a prisoner of their desire! The ball was back on their court!!!**

**Great thinking! Great strategy! The Jews will make the decision according to the custom of the Roman Law!**

Either way He went to the Cross and Died for you and me!

**But then Sunday arrived,** **John 20:1-9 King James Version (KJV)**

**The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.2Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.3Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.4So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.5And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.6Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,7And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.8Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.9For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.**

**HE’S ALIVE! HE’S ALIVE! JESUS IS ALIVE! SLAP THREE PEOPLE AROUND YOU AND TELL THEM ….HE’S ALIVE!!!!**

BELOVED, THE JEWS DIDN’T ACCEPT HIM AS THEIR KING, THEIR MESSIAH, THEIR LORD, BUT I WILL BECAUSE …… I DON’T NEED ANY EVIDENCE, OR PROOF OF THE FACT THAT…

I WONDER IF YOU KNOW HIM LIKE I KNOW HIM!!

THAT’S MY KING

He's the king of Israel, He's the king of Righteousness,
He's the king of the ages, He's the king of Heaven,
He's the king of Glory,
He's the king of kings and he's the Lord of Lords,
My king is a sovereign king no means of measure can define He' imitless Love, He's enduringly Strong, He's entirely Sincere,
He's eternally Steadfast, He's immortally Graceful,
He's imperially Powerful, He's impartially Merciful,
He's the greatest phenomenon that has ever crossed the horizon of this world, He's God's Son, He's the sinners Savior,
He's the Centerpiece of Civilization, He's unparalleled,
He's Unprecedented, He's the Loftiest idea in literature,
He's the highest personality in philosophy,
He's the fundamental doctrine of true theology,
He's the only one Qualified to be an All Sufficient Savior.
I wonder if you know Him today? Well allow me to give you more details about Him!
He supplies Strength to the weak,
He's available for the tempted and the tried,
He Sympathizes and He Saves, He Strengthens and Sustains,
He Guards and He Guides, He Heals the sick, He Cleansed the Lepers,
He Forgives Sinners, He Discharges Debtors, He Delivers the Captive,
He defends the feeble, He Blesses the young,
He serves the unfortunate, He regards the aged,
He rewards the Diligent and He, He beautifies the meek.
I wonder if you know Him? My King is my protector My King is my deliverer My King is my healer My King is my peace in a time of trouble My King is my best Friend My King is my highway to heaven My King is my champion My King is my fountain of wisdom My King is my Savior My King is my Hero He is known as the Son of God
He's the key to knowledge, He's the Wellspring of Wisdom,
He's the doorway of Deliverance, He's the Pathway of Peace,
He's the roadway of Righteousness,
He's the Highway of Holiness, He's the Gateway of Glory. My King is The Pearl of Great Price I wonder Do You know Him? His Life is Matchless, His Goodness is Limitless,
His Mercy is Everlasting, His Love never changes,
His Words are Enough, His Grace is Sufficient,
His Reign is Righteous,
His yoke is easy and His Burden is Light.
I wish I could describe Him to you, but He's Indescribable,
He's Incomprehensible, He's Invincible, He's Irresistible. You can't get Him out of your Mind, You can't outlive Him and you can't live without Him. The Pharisees couldn't stand Him But they soon found out they couldn't stop Him, Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him,
Herod couldn't kill Him, The cross and nails could not hold Him in place
Death couldn't handle Him and the grave could not keep Him He arose on the third day He showed himself to His Disciples He was seen alive by more than 500 people at one time The clouds descended on the mount and He was taken, He is seated at the right hand of the Father in Glory And He is soon to come again…… yeah that's my King that's my King!!!!

Someone Help Me Shout That’s My King!!!!