

Sunday, April 5 Sunday Service

The Scripture Reading: John 18:33-40, 19:12-16

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” ⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

The Sermon

The Question to a Direct Witness: “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”

The Questions Jesus Asked

- I. An Unlikely Defensive Witness to Jesus:
- II. An Incidental Perceptive Witness to Jesus
- III. An Unintentional but Super-intended Witness to Jesus:
- IV. A Subordinate yet Useful Witness:
- V. A Last and Final Witness to the lost for Jesus