John 18.33-40 OT: Daniel 2:31-45

I. Pilate Has in Mind an Earthly Kingdom (33-35)

- 1. Setting the stage
- 2. Pilate's question in v. 33
- 3. Pilate's concerns
- 4. Pilate's mindset
- 5. Pilate has an earthly kingdom in mind.

II. But Jesus Tells Him About Another Kingdom (36-37)

- 1. Jesus' declaration in v. 36
- 2. The Lord Jesus as representative of the heavenly kingdom.
- 3. Pilate as the representative of the earthly kingdom.
- 4. Jesus' focus is God's focus.
- 5. Jesus tells Pilate about another kingdom

III. And That Kingdom Bears Witness to the Truth (37-38)

- 1. Pilate's continued questioning and an evangelical response.
- 2. A statement of deity in v. 37.
- 3. Pilate's postmodernist response in v. 38.
- 4. Jesus will be exchanged for Barabbas despite Pilate's finding that he's not guilty (v. 38).
- 5. Jesus bears witness to the truth.

IV. Are You a Faithful and Joyful Subject of the Truthful Kingdom?

- 1. The text calls us to consider our role as subjects in God's kingdom.
- 2. Are we like Pilate or like Jesus?
- 3. What does it mean to be kingdom-minded?
- 4. Do we seek opportunities to bear witness to the truth?
- 5. The key to speaking the truth is the love and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. Conclusion