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Christ the King Sunday

Scripture: John 18:33-37

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The gospel of John was written by John, a fisherman, who along with his brother, James, became disciples of Jesus and were part of the original 12. John wrote his gospel around AD 85-90 to prove that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in him will have eternal life.

CONTEXT

Jesus is on trial, has had hearings before the Jewish authorities, and been condemned to death by the religious leaders. Only the Roman government can grant the death penalty, so Jesus is tried before Pilate, the Roman Governor.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Today is Christ the King Sunday which is the last Sunday in the Christian Year or calendar. Advent, which starts Dec. 1st, is actually the beginning of the Christian Year or calendar. Why do you think it's important that we begin and end our year with Jesus being King and Lord?
2. Read John 18:33-37. What word or phrase stands out to you?
3. It was unusual for the Jews to bring one of their own to the Romans, who they hated. According to Luke 23:2 what 3 things did they accuse Jesus of?

4. In verse 34 what did Jesus ask Pilate? He was asking this to see if Pilate was concerned that he was a political threat to Rome or a revolutionary. Do you think Jesus was what Pilate expected him to be?
5. In verse 34, it must have hurt Jesus to hear Pilate say that it was Jesus' own people and their religious leaders who had accused him. What does John 1:11 say about this?
6. Do you think Pilate was intrigued by Jesus or intimidated by him?
7. How did Jesus describe his kingdom?
8. Jesus' kingdom does not come by rebellion or violence but by submission to God. Read Colossians 1:13 and John 3:3. What do you learn from these verses about the kingdom?
9. Compare and contrast what we may know or think about kings in today's world and the kind of King that Jesus was.
10. Did it ever occur to you that while Pilate is a judge of Jesus in this passage, Jesus would become Pilate's judge?
11. How should we live in Jesus' kingdom with him as King?

RESOURCES

If you would like to use a great prayer resource that takes you through the Christian year and includes scripture and reflections, you might consider, *The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer* by Matt Miofsky, General Editor and Writer & Lacey Warner, Contributing Editor.

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