

# The Gospel Of John

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## **CONTEXT**

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## **PASSAGE**

John 18:28-40

## **DISCUSS**

- What stood out to you as we read the text? Why?
- How does the religious hypocrisy displayed by the Jewish leaders in John 18 relate to our lives today?
- Are there ways in which we prioritize religious behaviors over having a genuine relationship with Jesus?
- What are the differences between Jesus' kingdom and the world's kingdoms?
- How can we, as Christians, embody the values of Jesus' kingdom in our daily lives?
- What does it mean to submit to Jesus, the King of Truth? Is there an area in life that is difficult for you to submit?
- In what ways can we see ourselves in the position of Barabbas?

## **How will you apply this to your life?**

- What has the Holy Spirit brought to mind for you to apply going forward?
- What are some obstacles to applying these principles to your life?
- How does understanding Jesus as the one who took our place affect your relationship with Him and your appreciation for His sacrifice?
- How does understanding God's grace help you give grace to others?

## **How will you pass it on to someone?**

- If someone asked you to explain why John 18:28-40 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?
- How will you incorporate what you've learned into your interactions with others?

## **TAKE TIME TO PRAY**

- Pray for God to reveal any areas of religious hypocrisy within our lives, asking Him to help us focus more on our relationship with Him than on maintaining appearances.
- Pray for a growing trust in the sovereignty of God, especially when facing trials and uncertainty. Reflect on the concept of substitution - Jesus taking our place on the cross.
- Ask God to deepen our understanding of this sacrifice, and pray for the courage to live in gratitude for this gift.





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