

Gospel According to John 18:24 – 19:5

New American Standard Version

1 ²⁴ So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵ Now
2 Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,
3 “You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?” He denied *it*, and
4 said, “I am not.” ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, being a
5 relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, *said, “Did I not see you
6 in the garden with Him?” ²⁷ Peter then denied *it* again, and
7 immediately a rooster crowed. ²⁸ Then they *led Jesus from
8 Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves
9 did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled,
10 but might eat the Passover. ²⁹ Therefore Pilate went out to them and
11 *said, “**What accusation do you bring against this Man?**” ³⁰ They
12 answered and said to him, “If this Man were not an evildoer, we
13 would not have delivered Him to you.” ³¹ So Pilate said to them,
14 “**Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.**” The
15 Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death,” ³² to
16 fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of
17 death He was about to die. ³³ Therefore Pilate entered again into the
18 Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “**Are You the**
19 **King of the Jews?**” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your
20 own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered,
21 “**I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests**
22 **delivered You to me; what have You done?**” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My
23 kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then
24 My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to
25 the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” ³⁷ Therefore
26 Pilate said to Him, “**So You are a king?**” Jesus answered, “You say
27 *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I
28 have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of
29 the truth hears My voice.” ³⁸ Pilate *said to Him, “**What is truth?**”
30 And when he had said *this*, he went out again to the Jews and *said
31 to them, “**I find no guilt in Him.**” ³⁹ But you have a custom that I
32 **release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I**
33 **release for you the King of the Jews?**” ⁴⁰ So they cried out again,
34 saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas.” Now Barabbas was a robber.
35 ^{19:1} Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. ² And the soldiers
36 twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a
37 purple robe on Him; ³ and they *began* to come up to Him and say,
38 “Hail, King of the Jews!” and to give Him *slaps in the face*. ⁴ Pilate
39 came out again and *said to them, “**Behold, I am bringing Him out to**
40 **you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.**” ⁵ Jesus then
41 came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. *Pilate*
42 *said to them, “**Behold, the Man!**”

*Use the suggestions on the back page as a starting point for your own **Observation, Interpretation, and Application.***

Observation (What does it say?):

The words of Pilate have been highlighted. What observations do you make about his interactions with others?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

What do you think Pilate’s attitude was at different stages of this passage?

What effect was this sequence of events having on him and on his opinion of Jesus?

How would you describe the responses Jesus gives to Pilate in this passage?

Why would John include so much detail about Pilate’s role in this part of the story?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

What kind of application comes to your mind from a narrative passage like this?

Additional questions for thought and discussion:

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures,
but draw everything from them,
and suffer nothing to remain
hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**