

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

The Gospel of John

John 19:1–16a

As Pilate decides what to do with Jesus in response to the charges made against him by the religious rulers, the action moves back and forth between the outside of the palace and the inside seven times. Take note of this as you read the passage below.

Read John 18:28—19:16a.

1. What is the charge made against Jesus by the religious leaders? (Jn. 18:30; 19:7)

2. What punishment do they call for? (Jn. 18:31b; 19:6)

3. The religious leaders are trying to use Pilate to carry out their evil intent. From the verses below, list ways that Pilate tries to avoid condemning Jesus to death.
 - Jn. 18:31

 - Jn. 19:4

 - Jn. 19:6

 - Jn. 19:10

 - Jn. 19:15

4. In an effort to appease the religious leaders, Pilate punishes Jesus. Describe the punishment. (v. 1)

5. The abuse of Jesus continues.
 - a. What do the soldiers do? (vv. 2–3)

 - b. How is the soldiers’ mockery of Jesus ironic? (Jn. 18:36–37)

6. Who seems to have the power over all that's happening to Jesus?

7. Throughout this passage Jesus is being abused and humiliated. How is Jesus able to withstand such treatment?
Matt. 26:39b

Matt. 26:53–54

Jn. 10:18

1 Pet. 2:23

8. Who really has the power over what's happening? (v. 11a, Acts 3:17–18, 4:25–28; 📖* Is. 53:4–6, 10–11)

9. How do the religious leaders now try to manipulate Pilate to give them what they want? (v. 12)

10. Why do you think their claim “We have no king but Caesar” (v. 15) is so shocking and hypocritical? (📖 Is. 26:13)

11. The Jewish leaders are committed to strict adherence to the law and use it to justify Jesus' execution. What have they so clearly missed? (Jn. 5:39–40; Gal. 3:24a, 📖 Jn. 16:2–3)

12. After a night and morning of interrogation and torture, around noon, Jesus is finally handed over to be crucified. Yet God the Father allows this injustice to continue, and Jesus willingly submits.
Why? (1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18a; 1 Jn. 3:16a)

13. All the action in this passage rests on Jesus' claims to be the King and the Son of God.
Take time to respond to Jesus' claims in prayer. Maybe it will be a prayer of worship and submission, or perhaps a prayer for insight into who Jesus really is.

*The 📖 symbol indicates verses for further study.