

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty Seven—The Gospel of John Chapter 18:28–19:17

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1. a) What were the Jews concerned about in John 18:28 that prevented them from entering the palace or Praetorium?

b) Review the actions and intentions of the Jewish officials and high priests in John 18 and also John 11:45–53. Write one general statement about these Jews' character that John 18:28 again reveals.
2. What kind of death did Jesus say He would die? Re-read John 3:14, John 8:28 and John 12:32–33.
3. a) In John 18:33–37, why is Pilate questioning Jesus about being a king?

b) Summarize Jesus' answers about His kingdom and purpose as a king.
4. a) What do you notice about Pilate's reaction in John 18:38(a)?

b) Are you one who is “of the truth” (“on the side of truth” NIV) or of something else (perhaps continually seeking “What is truth?”)? How does your life reflect that you listen to Jesus as written in John 18:37 or that you listen to something else?

c) Pray about what you can do to improve your life’s reflection of truth and write down three ways.

5. a) Who is Barabbas in John 18:40? See also Mark 15:7 for more detail.

b) What does the choice of releasing Barabbas over Jesus reveal to you about the Jews’ state of mind and decision making process at that moment?

6. a) What does “flog” (NIV) or “scourge” (NASB) in John 19:1 mean? Use a dictionary for help.

b) Read Deuteronomy 25:1–3. Do you **think** the intent of this law was followed in John 19:1–3, especially according to Deuteronomy 25:3(b)? Why or why not?

c) Why do you **think** Jesus was flogged?

- d) Why do you **think** the soldiers mocked Him?
7. a) How many times did Pilate pronounce “judgment” on Jesus? What was this judgment? List the verses.
- b) Write an unchanging truth or principle of what you learn after studying **Pilate** in John 18:28–19:17.
- c) Take a moment and think quietly about how there might be ongoing areas in your life in which your actions seem to thwart or negate your intentions. Name these areas and how you will specifically apply the principle you learned in (b).
- d) What was the ultimate sentence for Jesus?
- e) What is the significance of the day and time in John 19:14? See Exodus 12:5–7, 12–13 to refresh your memory.
- f) From your answer in (d) and Jesus’ answer in John 19:11, who do you **think** is really in control of Jesus’ sentence?
8. a) What is the significance of Jesus carrying His own cross in John 19:17? Matthew 16:24–27 and Luke 14:26–28 may provide insight.
- b) Explain briefly why you **think** Jesus calls those who follow Him to take up or bear their cross.

9. Write a prayer expressing your thoughts and feelings about Jesus' arrest, trial, flogging sentencing and cross bearing.