

The *Good News* that John Wrote

*...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.*

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

John 18.28-40

Outline of John 18-19

1. Jesus and His enemies in a garden (18.1-11)
2. Jesus brought before Jewish leaders (18.12-27)
3. Jesus brought before Pilate (18:28–19:16a)
4. The Crucifixion (19:16b-37)
5. Jesus' Burial (19.38-42)

John 18.28

Early in the morning Jesus was taken from Caiaphas' house to the governor's palace. The Jewish authorities did not go inside the palace, for they wanted to keep themselves ritually clean, in order to be able to eat the Passover meal.

John 18.29-30

So Pilate went outside to them and asked, “What do you accuse this man of?” Their answer was, “We would not have brought him to you if he had not committed a crime.”

John 18.31

Pilate said to them, “Then you yourselves take him and try him according to your own law.”
They replied, “We are not allowed to put anyone to death.”

John 18.32

(This happened in order to make come true what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he would die.)

John 18.33

Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus. “Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked him.

John 18.34

Jesus answered, “Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?”

John 18.35

Pilate replied, “Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?”

John 18.36

Jesus said, “My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!”

John 18.37

So Pilate asked him, “Are you a king, then?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me.”

John 18.38a

“And what is truth?”

John 18.38b

Then Pilate went back outside to the people and said to them, “I cannot find any reason to condemn him.

John 18.39

But according to the custom you have, I always set free a prisoner for you during the Passover. Do you want me to set free for you the king of the Jews?"

John 18.40

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