



Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 56

Message: "Remain In Jesus"

Text: John 19:1-16a

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- ★ John's purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (Jn 20:30-31)
- ★ John was writing to Jewish Christians being kicked out of their synagogues (Jn 9:22)

Who was that again?!

- **Caiaphas** - The official Jewish High Priest, leader of the Sanhedrin
 - Jn 11:49-50 - said it's better for one man to die than the whole nation
 - Jn 19 - Caiaphas is the driving force behind wanting Jesus dead
- **Pilate** - the Roman Governor of Judea
 - Jn 18:38 - ruled Jesus as innocent - no basis for charging Him (Lk 23:4)
 - Lk 23:7 - he sent Jesus to Herod
- **Herod Antipas** - Ruler of Galilee & Perea; one of Herod the Great's sons
 - Lived in Tiberias, by the Sea of Galilee in Israel
 - Famous for killing John the Baptist (Mk 6:16; Lk 9:9)
 - Enemies with Pilate (Lk 23:12)

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- (v1) "flogged" - This was the first time Jesus was whipped (less severe) with the intention to humiliate Jesus and appease the Jews
- (v2-3) fake coronation; mocking Jesus as king
- (v5) "Here is the man!" - Pilate's attempt at appeasing the Jews
- (v6) Pilate sticks with his original verdict, Jesus is innocent (Jn 18:38)
- (v7) "We have a law" - probably refers to Leviticus 24:16
- (v11) "the one who handed me over" = Caiaphas (Jn 18:28)
- (v11) Pilate isn't really in control, Jesus is (Jn 10:17-18)
- (v12) If Caesar thought anyone opposed him, they were executed
- (v15) "we have no king but Caesar" - The religious leaders denied God as their king
(ex: Jeremiah 10:10)
- (v16) "handed [him] over" = the Greek here means "to betray"

Consider this:

- Think about the arrest and trials of Jesus in John 18-19 in light of John 3:19-20
- What would "Remain in me, as I also remain in you" mean to John's persecuted readers? (John 15:4)
- Isaiah 40:28-31 "Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength."

- Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. READ John 3:16-21 in light of the arrest and trials of Jesus. Thinking about John 3:19-20, why wasn't Pilate willing to stick with his original verdict and release Jesus?
2. Thought Experiment: Why do you think it was important for John to write so much detail about the arrest, trials and death of Jesus for first century Christians?
3. How might John's first recipients benefit from Jesus' words in John 15:4, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you"?
4. READ Isaiah 40:9-26. What is the basic gist of this passage and how does it encourage you?
5. READ Isaiah 40:27-31. How have you seen or felt God renew your strength? Or, how does this passage encourage you if you're currently in a dark time of your life?

Recommended Resources

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>
- "Overview: John 13-21" by Bible Project, search on YouTube