

# WHAT IS TRUTH?

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Study of John / John 18:28-40

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## Introduction:

When Jesus Christ stands before Pilate, Pilate asks: "What is truth?" Pilate was a politician known for his stubbornness and violence. He was anxious to please emperor Tiberius in Rome and keep order in the province of Jews he oversaw. He had previously moved his headquarters from Caesarea to Jerusalem, which upset the Jews. Smith's Bible Dictionary says: "His arbitrary administration nearly drove the Jews to insurrection on two or three occasions." He was anxious to make a political decision about Jesus, acceptable to the Jews and Romans.

## I. The Truth About Religion. (28)

## II. The Truth About Law. (29-32)

## III. The Truth About the King. (33-37)

## IV. The Truth About Pilate. (38-40)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

1. Verse 28 says that the priest and the crew did not enter the governor's palace to avoid ceremonial uncleanness, because "they wanted to eat the Passover." What does that tell you about the condition of their hearts and where their focus was?
2. Pilate asks them what the charges are. Do they give a good/acceptable answer?
3. What does Jesus mean, 'everyone on the side of truth listens to me' in verse 37? Can there be truth for unbelievers?

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