

### **19:8-11**

**Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, 9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?”** This is unusual. Pilate, in Luke 23, knew Jesus was from Galilee and said so...about an hour ago.

It's also unnecessary to ask. The last part of John 18, Jesus already told Pilate what was going on and where He was from, but Pilate didn't seem to want that answer. These Romans were full of paganism with “beings from Heaven” so that was not the issue Pilate was having. John 1:1:1-14 & 8:32 speak of Jesus coming into this world. This is a big theme for John, and we should see that Christ's origin was a point to develop throughout. He moreover came to this world as a man and is still a man. This is big: The *logos* became material. Absurd!...unless it's true.

Along with Nicodemus 3:1-2, a blind man in 9:29-30 knows that Christ came from Heaven. How could we avoid this summary? Even 10:36, 11:27, 12:46, 16:28 dabble with this theme and the cost or consequence with whatever side on which you fall. We see, then, why Pilate has so much riding on his faith in Jesus' origin.

**But Jesus gave him no answer.** In the last chapter, Pilate wasn't listening anyways. Pilate asked “what is truth” in the last chapter. He wanted certain answers so he kept asking the same question...and received nothing. This is another example from Scripture that more light is not given from the Lord when the given light has been rejected.

In John 9:4, we find Pilate was more comfortable stumbling in darkness. How about John 12:35-36 speak of a day when those who wish to have light will not have light—or the availability of light.

**10 Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?”** This question points to Jesus' Sonship. You see, if Jesus is from Heaven, then Pilate just flogged the Son of God. There's a lot to lose if you don't answer correctly to where “Jesus came from.”

**11 Jesus answered, “You could have no power this is the word for “authority” and not “ability” (brute strength) at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”** This also speaks of accountability. Pilate actually thought he had something that belonged to God. Great power came, not from exercising His ability or rights, but from surrendering of His rights. How so? He was exalted and we were saved from death!