

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

WHAT TO DO WITH JESUS?

John 18:28-19:16

Main Thought: In John 18:28-19:16, we discover people rejecting Christ for three reasons and one strong reason to accept Him as Lord and Savior.

1. YOU CAN REJECT CHRIST BECAUSE HE _____ YOUR RELIGIOUS PRIDE AND SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- 1) Jesus' _____ before the religious leaders
- 2) Many people today are _____ in their pride and self-righteousness to save them.

2. YOU CAN REJECT CHRIST BECAUSE, WHILE YOU HAVE NOTHING AGAINST HIM, TO FOLLOW HIM WOULD _____ YOU YOUR CAREER.

- 1) The background of _____
- 2) _____ trial before Pilate
- 3) Many people today _____ Christ because the cost to follow Him is too high.

3. YOU CAN REJECT CHRIST BECAUSE YOU'RE LIVING FOR GOOD TIMES AND INDIFFERENT ABOUT _____.

- 1) The Roman soldiers _____ Jesus
- 2) Many people today are just into having a good time with no thought about their _____ wellbeing.

4. YOU CAN ACCEPT CHRIST BECAUSE HIS KINGLY MAJESTY CALLS YOU TO _____ HIM AS SAVIOR AND LORD.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 18:28-19:16 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Why are the Jewish leaders rushing Jesus' trial?

8. What is ironic about their treatment of Jesus and wanting to avoid ceremonial uncleanness to be able to continue celebrating the Passover?

9. Why do the Jewish leaders bring Jesus to Pilate? What charges do they bring against Jesus?

10. Do some research on Pilate. What is his background? Why might he want to appease the Jewish leaders and those in authority over him?

11. Why does Pilate want to know whether Jesus is "the King of the Jews"? What does Jesus tell Pilate about His kingship and kingdom?

12. What is Pilate's initial verdict on Jesus? What was Pilate hoping to do by offering the Jews the choice between Barrabas and Jesus?

13. What is ironic about the soldier's mockery of Jesus?

14. Why did Pilate finally hand Jesus over to be crucified even though he found Him innocent?