

Behold Your King!-Part 1
Text: John 18:28-40
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Big Idea: Jesus is the sovereign King; you must believe in Him to have life.

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) What does it mean to “behold” the Lord?
- b) What practical means has God given us to help us behold Him?
- c) Why is it difficult to remain in the posture of beholding Him at all times and in all things?
- d) What things that you are most often tempted to fix your gaze upon instead of Jesus? Why these?
- e) How would taking the time to behold the Lord in those moments, change your response to them?

Behold your sovereign King Jesus who...

Point 1: Has All AUTHORITY: SUPREME (vv. 28-32)

Key Question: Jesus has all authority over all powers. Will you trust in Him?

Question #6

- a) **Rd v. 28:** Why didn't the Jewish leaders enter Pilate's house? Was this faithful to what God's Word said? Who were they making the final authority?
- b) What is the danger facing us today that the Pharisees were in danger of?
- c) What impact does making our preferences God's principles have on: i) Us Personally ii) Relationships with others iii) The Church Body as a whole. (Use Scripture to support)
- d) Where are you most tempted to honour your preferences over God's principles in His Word?
- e) How does the gospel free you from the need to uphold your preferences; and live in humble faithfulness to God's Word regardless of the situation?

Question #7

- a) **vv. 31-32:** What Word was being fulfilled through Jesus' sovereign control over the authorities?
- b) Why is it crucial to remember the goodness and love of God if we are to trust His authority?
- c) What are some fruits that are shown when we are not trusting in Christ's authority? (Use Scripture)
- d) What are some fruits that are shown when we are trusting in Christ's authority? (Use Scripture)
- e) What area(s) are you most tempted to doubt God's sovereign authority over what you face? Why?
- f) What step(s) can you take this week to address your unbelief? Ask your group to support you in this.

Point 2: Will **ADVANCE** His **KINGDOM: HEAVEN** (vv. 33-40)

Question: Jesus will advance the kingdom of God on earth. Will you live faithfully on mission?

Question #8

- a) **Rd. v. 33:** Why did Pilate ask Jesus if He was a King?
- b) **Rd. v.36:** What did Jesus mean when He said His kingdom was not of this world?
- c) What is the danger of fighting in the ways of the world to see Christ advance His kingdom?
- d) What area(s) are you most tempted to do this in?

Question #9

- a) **Rd vv. 37-40.** What two ways does Jesus model for us how to live faithfully on mission for Him to see Him advance His kingdom?
- b) What are the greatest hinderances to you living faithfully in these ways? Why these areas?
- c) What is 1 step you can take this week to declare and demonstrate the gospel to those around you?
- d) Pray as a group for these opportunities and check in throughout the week as to how they are going.

Question #10

- a) If someone asked you, "What is truth?" how would you respond to them?
- b) How is believing God's Word is absolute truth, crucial for living faithfully on mission?
- c) Write out the gospel in your own words.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) **REVERENCE** before God: Jesus, you are the sovereign King who _____.
- b) **HUMILITY** before God: Confess & repent of i) Your unbelief in His goodness & authority ii) Your temptation to make your preferences the principles of God.
- c) **THANKSGIVING** to God: Thank Jesus for His sovereignty and the freedom we have through the gospel to live for Him and see Him advance His kingdom.
- d) **SUPPLICATION** to God: Ask the Lord for i) An increasing faith in His sovereignty ii) For Jesus to build His kingdom and defeat evil iii) For an increasing conviction of God's absolute truth & the desire to declare and demonstrate it in His power.

Memory Verse:

***"...For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world-to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."*-John 18:37b**

