

November 21st, 2021 Sermon Bible Study (End Time 4)

Sermon: John 18:33-37

³³Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

³⁴Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷“You are a king then?” Pilate asked. Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Theme: Not of This World

Link to Audio Sermon:

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11-21-2021.mp3>

Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

- 1. The Jews wanted Jesus put to death. Their main reason was because Jesus claimed to be God (blasphemy). Why then did they tell Pilate that Jesus claimed to be a king? Why would that claim matter to a Roman official?**
- 2. Pilate wanted to know if Jesus was a king. This isn't a confession of faith but an inquiry to see if the Jews had lied. However, what was the truth? Was Jesus a king?**
- 3. Jesus kingdom is not of this world. His kingdom is in heaven. What does that mean?**
- 4. Since Jesus kingdom isn't of this world where should we direct our attention? What, as sinful people, is usually the focus of our attention? How can we fight against that temptation?**