

## THE KING OF TRUTH

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Experiencing the Passion of Jesus, part 4

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### King, Kingdom, Truth.

**BIG IDEA: To engage this King of Truth—Jesus—and live in his kingdom of liberating truth.**

<sup>30</sup> “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

<sup>31</sup> Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected.

<sup>32</sup> This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

### **1. Jesus is a king and THE KING.**

**What is this King like?**

“All-in lean.” Peter Enns

**2. His kingdom is not FROM THIS WORLD**—*organizing itself without God*. He reigns, but not like a kingdom this world recognizes.

“your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” **Matthew 6:10**

“Set the world right; Do what’s best—as above, so below.” **Matthew 6:10** Message

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**3. This king brings LIBERATING TRUTH**. *Truth is “how God sees it”—whatever it is.*

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” **John 14:6**

“whoever lives by the truth comes into the light” **John 3:21**

“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **John 8:32**

<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup> But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”

<sup>40</sup> They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

**4. God will DIE IN OUR PLACE**. (2 Cor. 5:16-21)