

Jesus before Pilate

- 28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.
- 29 Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man?”
- 30 They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you.”
- 31 So Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death,”
- 32 to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.
- 33 Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”
- 34 Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?”
- 35 Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?”
- 36 Jesus answered, “**My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.**”
- 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”
- 38 Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”¹

¹ [New American Standard Bible: 1995 update](#). (1995). (Jn 18:28–38). La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.