



Sermon Questions

November 9th, 2025 | Scripture: John 18:33-40 – Jesus Meets Us in Our Power

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 3.

Core Questions

1. What kind of relationship do you have with power and why?
2. How does Pilate's position in the Roman government and the context of Passover week help us understand the tension in the background of this passage?
3. Why does Jesus answer Pilate's first question in verse 33 with a question?
4. How does identifying the servants in verse 36, not as the disciples, but as angelic beings help us understand who is in control of this entire situation?
5. What is "the truth" that Jesus mentions in verse 37?

Inward Grace in Action

1. What ditch are you more likely to fall into with political power – the ditch of political apathy or the ditch of political idolatry. How do you see either tendency in the church today?
2. How does understanding God's kingdom as God's people, in God's place, under God's rule and blessing give a correction to those in both camps?

Outward Grace in Action

1. What is your next step in using the power that the Lord has entrusted you with to bless the lives of those around you?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 1:1-14
- Exodus 15:1-21
- 2 Samuel 7:12-16
- Isaiah 40:9-11
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Revelation 5:6-14

Pray: Take time to read and reflect on Matthew 26:47-56. Ask the Lord to help you to identify any ways that you have been wielding power unjustly. Then pray that he would give you wisdom on how to use the power he has entrusted you to bless others for the sake of bearing witness to the kingdom.

Serve: As we celebrate Veteran's Day this week, we want to highlight one of our local mission partners - the PCA Chaplains Ministry. These chaplains bring the light of Christ into hospitals, businesses, correctional facilities, and the military through their ministry of presence. Pray for wisdom as they counsel many in crisis, and abiding rest in the Lord Jesus as they do so. Consider giving directly to this ministry at:

www.pcamna.org/chaplain-landing-page/

Look Ahead: Next week's passage is Luke 23:32-43, where we will see how Jesus meets us in our sin.

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. A - Ask about the message: Ask your children to recall any good or bad examples of leadership in their lives.
2. S - Share your thoughts: Share about how Jesus has given us power as a gift to use to bless others. Then share an example from your own life or someone else's who showed you what it meant to steward power well.
3. K - Keep it going: Take time this week to pray for your church, state, and local leaders together as a family - that they would use the power that the Lord has entrusted to them for the flourishing of others and the good of the world.