

John 296 “Hey Look, It’s One Of His Boys” John 18:15-18; 1st Peter 5:6-9

We have three competing kingdoms challenging the Kingdom of the Father’s dear Son:

1. The kingdom of the pride of a self-righteous leader; represented by Israel’s high priest;
2. The kingdom of confusion and fear due to futile self-confidence represented by Peter;
3. The kingdom of the mis-guided power of the unbelieving world and its satanically motivated system, represented by Pontius Pilate.

The amazing irony is that mankind would prefer a murderer named Barabbas over the life-giving Lord, Prince of peace, King of kings, the One called Jesus Christ, so they’ll kill the life-giver and give life to the killer!

Believers in Christ have a natural tendency to erroneously assume that the attributes that have carried them in life such as: appearance, personality, social connections or some physical or mental strength will also carry them in the spiritual realm.

The once dejected apostle Peter reaches a position in which he is used mightily by God; a place that very few individuals ever reach, although they may aspire to do so!

Humility is the most valuable prerequisite for a committed disciple of Jesus Christ’s success.

So, by application we should never underestimate Satan or overestimate our abilities but we also should never underestimate God’s ability to handle Satan and his world system on our behalf!

John makes sure that we know that the Lord Jesus is the God-man and not simply a god,

God-like, one of many gods or sub-God in any way but in fact, equal to Jehovah God Himself!

On the surface, it appears that Jesus is on trial before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod but the truth is, they are all on trial before Him!

The insanity of hatred causes people to lose the ability to reason properly and therefore, they become devoid of any mercy at all.

Throughout the entire fiasco of this miscarriage of justice, John gives us the magnificence of the Lord Jesus along with the stupidity of His judges.

Jesus has just made one of the most outlandish ridiculous claims ever made; of course, unless it’s true!

All of reality must be reconciled with Jesus’ claim of deity.

Jesus Christ is either God or He’s not.

The resurrection of Jesus is proof positive that everything He said is true.

Those who stood by and observed the Lord Jesus suffering could also hear Him and yet could offer Him no help.

The Greek verb structure here indicates that Peter stood by for a long time mulling over many regrets that were on his mind.

Peter is functioning in the energy and power of his hopeless, helpless flesh.

Our relationship with God is based on

His character and not ours and when we understand this, we respond in humility and we forego the attitude of self-promotion.

Peter is standing around a fire but he remains cold on the inside because he is depressed and feels all alone in his condition.

When we know people are our enemies and we fight them, that’s being honest but when we know they are our enemies and we sit and converse with them, that’s being totally dishonest.

It took a friend who became a betrayer, a detachment of Roman troops and the Temple guard but most of all, the willingness of the Lord Jesus Himself and now He’s voluntarily in custody and

these people have the audacity to think they know all the answers.
Pride is a mental attitude sin which quite often leads to invasive nosiness.