

John 307 “That’s What Friends Are For” John 19:7-12

God has provided the inspiration for the formation and preservation of His Word and in it, we learn that the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit enables us to understand exactly how to execute His plan.

Within the local church, God provides the privacy protection necessary for the Royal priesthood to study His instruction manual also known as Church Age mystery doctrine.

We must know God’s system to act appropriately under His system and that’s exactly why we’re here because God always raises up local churches where pastors are faithful in teaching His Word to His people.

In our study, we are on our way from Gethsemane to Gabbatha and then it will be to Golgotha and finally, it will be to the Garden tomb.

Our author John will continue to strip away all of man’s hypocrisy in rejecting God, His Son and Their truth.

Circumstances do not make heroes or cowards; they simply reveal the true nature of man.

Anything that we seek, receive or wish to cling to by denying the Lord Jesus will ultimately be lost.

For Pilate, the possibility that Jesus Christ is God demands further investigation, yet he’s already running scared because he’s afraid of losing his coveted position in Judea.

Before marriage, future wives write love notes to their boyfriends and after marriage, they write other kinds of notes to their husbands.

Pilate faced and failed the ultimate test of harassment seen in the fact that he keeps running in and out, back and forth and this proves to be one of the greatest insults that the authority of the Roman Empire ever experienced.

“Where are You from?” is a very good question if you suspect that someone just might be God and that’s why Jesus answers Pilate based on his attitude toward the Gospel.

In this case, no answer is an answer!

The Lord Jesus knew that any answer or action will not change Pilate’s mind at this point.

Pontius Pilate has clearly recognized the innocence of Jesus but at the same time, rejected his opportunity to have Him as his own personal Savior.

When Pilate uses the word ‘power’ meaning authority, he demonstrates that he has rejected Jesus Christ as God by thinking he’s pulling rank.

Pilate is not wicked, he’s just weak and his power or authority is non-existent.

There are degrees of rejection of the Lord Jesus.

The angry mob of Jewish people became ‘the tools of the tools’ or the victims of the abuse of authority seen in the Jewish leaders. Jesus Christ was a bonified King and His true kingdom was Judea.

Knowing all that the religious leaders knew concerning the Old Testament, they still reject the Lord Jesus (David’s Son) as King and God the Father’s only Son as Lord.

The fact that Pilate did not carry out his convictions indicates weakness of character.

And here the Jews are reminding Pilate of his relationship with Caesar and Jesus is reminding Pilate of what his relationship with the God of Caesar is and how this decision is going to affect that.