



## WHY CHRIST CAME "To Demonstrate Truth" John 18:28-38

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In his trial before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Procurator of Galilee, Jesus made a definitive statement about his coming into the world that clearly states "why Christ came." *For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.*

### I. The Scene. vv. 1-32

- A. Jesus arrested in the garden then taken to Annas then Caiaphas.
- B. Jewish leaders take him to Pilate but refuse to enter Gentile building.
- C. Pilate comes out to them and asks for a charge against the prisoner.
- D. Jewish leaders, (expecting a rubber stamp?) insolently reply in surprise.
- E. Pilate responds by telling them it's their problem and they should deal with it.
- F. Jewish leaders show their true colors – they want Jesus executed (crucified).
- G. Pilate goes inside and takes Jesus with him – Jewish leaders remain outside.

### II. The Statement. vv. 33-40

- A. Pilate asks (incredulously?), "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- B. Jesus asks, "Is the question Roman (political) or Jewish (religious)."
- C. Pilate retorts, "I'm not a Jew! What have you done?"
- D. Jesus ignores question and clarifies, "I am a King, but I'm unique!"
- E. Pilate gets it, "You're a king then." And Jesus replies in the affirmative.
- F. He adds that his *birth* and *coming* were designed to portray *Truth*.
- G. Moreover his testimony to *Truth* is challenging – puts Pilate on the spot.
- H. Pilate replies dismissively and raises a surprisingly modern question!

### III. The Significance.

- A. There is such a thing as truth!
- B. This truth is found in Jesus, His Kingship, and His Kingdom.
- C. Those who embrace the truth (Jesus) naturally "listen to Him."
- D. Those who listen to Him (His Word) become His disciples. 8:31f; 17:17
- E. Those who become His disciples know *freedom* – unlike Pilate!

**Point to Ponder:** In a post-modern world where *truth* is relative Christians are challenged to State, "Jesus is the truth" and to live in the freedom of that truth.