



## Son of the Father “Life in His Name” Series

John 18:28-40, p.904

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### Introduction

In this passage God explains how Jesus is the great substitute, who takes upon himself our sin and death.

### The Text: John 18:28-40

- 1) Sin is not simply what we do on the outside, but what has happened to us on the inside (v. 28).

*Romans 3:9-10: <sup>9</sup> What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, <sup>10</sup> as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one.*

*Romans 5:12, 18-19: <sup>12</sup> ... just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men.... <sup>18</sup> Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

- 2) It was the sin of humanity that put Jesus on the cross – both in practice and in principle (vv. 29-32).
- 3) Human authority did not assign Jesus to the cross; it was the love and authority of God (vv. 33-38a).
- 4) Jesus is the great substitute, who took our death and gave us his life (vv. 38b-40).

### Response

The Bible focuses on the death of Christ in order to ground our life in Christ.

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**Sunday Text Questions for John 18:28-40**

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- 1) Starter Question: Have you ever received something really good from someone that you did not deserve?
  
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
  
- 3) How would the Jewish leaders be defiled if they entered the governor's headquarters, and why does the text tell us this detail (v. 28)?
  
- 4) What does the interaction between the Jewish leaders and Pilate suggest to you about the nature of their relationship (vv. 29-31)?
  
- 5) Why does the narrator (John) include v. 32 – why is that important information?
  
- 6) Why might Jesus' identity as a king be a big deal for Pilate (v. 33)?
  
- 7) What does Jesus' strong response to Pilate in v. 34 mean?
  
- 8) V. 36 is an important verse in this text. What is Jesus saying in this verse (look at the details), and what does it mean?
  
- 9) What is "the Kingdom of God" about which Jesus speaks, and why is it important to understand for our Christian life?
  
- 10) Based upon vv. 38b-40, how is Jesus the great substitute, who took the death we deserved upon himself and gave to us the life we do not deserve?

**Further study this week:** Matthew 6 on seeking the Kingdom of God (Mon); Acts 31 on teaching about the Kingdom of God (Tues); Daniel 7 on the coming of the Kingdom of God (Wed); Matthew 19 on the people of the Kingdom of God (Thurs); 1 Corinthians 6 on the behavior of those who inherit the Kingdom of God (Fri).