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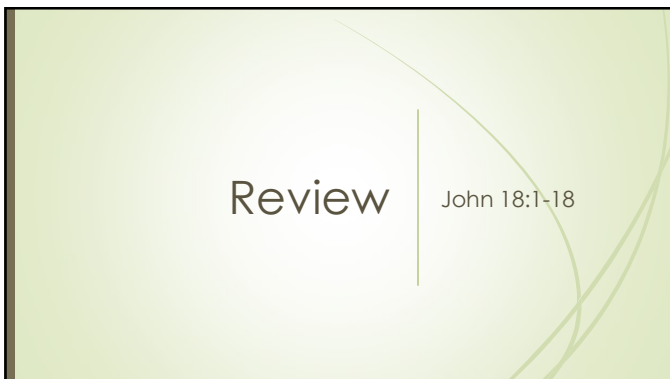
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John 18:19-24 The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said." And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?" Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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John 18:19-24

- Why did Jesus ask Annas "Why question Me"?
- Why did Jesus say, "I do nothing in secret"?
- Why does Jesus ask the high priest to question those who heard Him speak and what was Annas' response?

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John 18:25-27 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!" One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

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John 18:25-27

- What is an interesting fact from the second time Peter was asked if he was a disciple of Jesus?
- What type of denial was Peter giving?
- What can we learn from Peter?

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John 18:28-32 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

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John 18:28-32

- Did the Jews take Jesus to Pilate for judgement?
- Why did the Jews not enter the palace to listen to Pilate question Jesus and what truth is told?
- Why did Pilate ask what charges were made against Jesus?

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John 18:28-32

- What was the reply of the Jews to Pilate's question about the charges?
- What is the impact of Pilate's comment to take Jesus and judge by Jewish law?
- Although given the authority to do it themselves, why are the Jews so intent on having the Romans execute Jesus?

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John 18:33-37 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

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John 18:33-37

- Why did Jesus ask Pilate if his words were his own or those of others?
- When Pilate asked Jesus what had He done, why didn't Jesus lay out all His works?
- What reason does Jesus give Pilate about His being a king?

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**John 38-40** Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all." "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

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**John 18:38-40**

- What does Pilate's question "what is truth" mean?
- Why did Pilate feel obligated to execute an innocent man going against Roman law?
- Who was Barabbas?
- What is the significance of Pilate presenting Jesus and Barabbas as choices for release?

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**Wrap Up**

Any further comments?  
Closing prayer.

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