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## Steps to the Cross #4: Jesus Before Pilate

March 14 & 15, 2026

John 18:28-40

### Opener:

Briefly share a time when you sat in a courtroom while a case was unfolding.

### Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

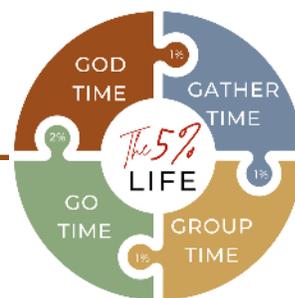
1. What does Jesus mean when He says, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36)? How does that shape the way Christians view earthly power and authority?
  2. Why is Pilate's question, "What is truth?" so significant? In what ways is that still a defining question in our culture today?
  3. According to John 18:37, why was Jesus born and why did He come into the world?
  4. What does the release of Barabbas reveal about substitution and grace?
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**Live It:** *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. Where are you most tempted to fear the kingdoms of this world rather than rest in Christ's unshakable kingdom?
2. In what settings is it hardest for you to make the good confession as a Christian —with words or with your life?
3. What would it look like for your daily habits, relationships, and decisions to become a clearer confession of Jesus?
4. Where have you recently been tempted to compromise truth in order to avoid discomfort or gain approval?



**GOD TIME:**



**Daily Bible Readings (March 15-21)**

Sun:	1 Timothy 6:11-16	The Good Confession
Mon:	Psalms 145:10-13	Everlasting Kingdom
Tues:	Isaiah 53:4-12	Innocent for Guilty
Wed:	John 14:1-6	The Truth Himself
Thurs:	Romans 8:1-4	No Condemnation
Fri:	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Christ in Our Place
Sat:	Revelation 19:11-16	King of Kings