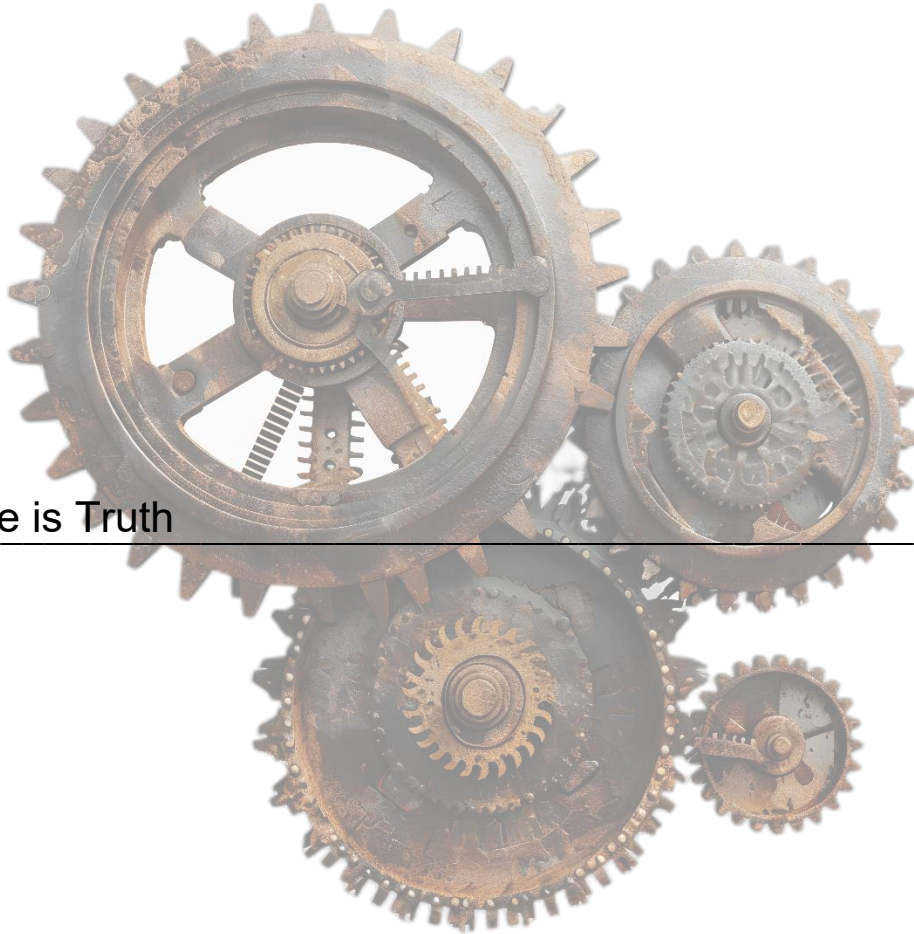


The System

“ Why Jesus & Politics Don't Mix - Part 2 ”

1. He is All Powerful vv. 18:38b-19:11

2. He is Truth w. 19:12-16



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 18:38b-40, Mark 15:6-13

- Why did Pilate offer to release Jesus in exchange for Barabbas? In what way was this a political move?
- What was the result? Why? How did this display a power struggle between Pilate and the Pharisees?
- Describe how this same dynamic takes place in politics today. Give an example. What does this teach you?

TUESDAY // Read Luke 23:6-11, John 19:1-5

- Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod? How was this another political move by Pilate? What happened?
- In what way did Pilate also try to appease the Pharisees? (John 19:1) Why didn't it work? Be specific.
- What does this highlight about power and succeeding in politics? How does this relate to politics today?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 19:6-11, 18:38, 1:1, 14

- In what way did the Pharisees use a power play on Pilate? How did he respond? What was at stake for Pilate?
- How did Pilate try to leverage Jesus? How did Jesus respond? What does this highlight about Jesus and politics?
- Given the landscape of today's American politics, how should you monitor where you put your hope? Be specific.

THURSDAY // Read John 19:12-15, Matthew 23:1-36

- In what way did the Pharisees pull political rank on Pilate by saying "we have no king but Caesar"?
- Given the Pharisees despised Rome and its leaders, why did they lie about their allegiance? Did it work?
- How was this common practice for the Pharisees? How did Jesus confront it? Why should this matter to Christians?

FRIDAY // Read John 19:12-16, 14:6, 8:44-45

- In what way did the Pharisees' approach to politics present a stark contrast to who Jesus is? (i.e., lies vs. truth)
- Given that Satan is the father of lies, what does this reveal about the spiritual darkness in today's politics?
- Why is this important for Christians to recognize? How does this help adjust your priorities and trust in politics?

SATURDAY // Read John 18:38b-19:16, Ephesians 6:10-20

- As you review today's passage, what do you see as the spiritual battles taking place? Be specific.
- In what way is everything today a spiritual battle for Christians? How would this specifically relate to politics?
- Why is it important for Christians to understand when it comes to fighting the battle? How does this help you?

MEDITATION VERSE: <i>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above..."</i> John 19:11
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