



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 18:33-40 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#) are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. How did you learn that Jesus is the King of the Jews?

From my parents and Sunday school.

2. How did Jesus answer Pilate’s question, “What have you done?”

At first, Jesus did not answer Pilate’s question directly about what He had done. Later, He told Pilate when He came into the world and why.

3. What did Jesus tell Pilate about His kingdom?

Jesus said that His kingdom was not from this world. Later, He told Pilate why He had come into the world. By saying He had a kingdom, He told Pilate that He was a King. He said that if His kingdom was from this world that His followers would be fighting to keep Him from being handed over to the Jews. Jesus did not say, handed over to the Romans. In this way, Jesus claimed to be a King of a kingdom not from this world, for His kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world—Jesus’ kingdom lasts forever.

4. What reason did Jesus give Pilate for coming into the world?

Before Jesus was born, He chose to come into the world “to testify to the truth.” In John 14:6, Jesus told His disciples, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

5. Who listens to Jesus?

In John 18:37, Jesus said “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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