

**JESUS ON TRIAL?**  
**(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 72)**  
**August 1, 2021**

**The Passage:** Mt. 26:57-66; 27:1,2; 11-26

**JESUS' WAS 'TRIED' IN 'KANGAROO COURTS'**

- Jewish
- Roman

**WE'RE TRIED IN THE REAL COURT**

Who's responsible for Jesus' death?

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**When it comes to sin, we can...**

- ... \_\_\_\_\_ it
- ... \_\_\_\_\_ it
- ... \_\_\_\_\_ it
- ... \_\_\_\_\_ it

But God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of it

**When it comes to Jesus...**

- ... He's the only \_\_\_\_\_
- ... He must be \_\_\_\_\_
- ... He \_\_\_\_\_ with us

*Fill-ins: Each one of us; deny; defend; downplay; deflect; own it; repent; innocent one; dealt with; traded places*

**Life Group Questions for the Week of August 1, 2021**

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Have you ever been in a court of law or situation where you felt unfairly treated or felt the judge violated your rights?
3. We saw on Sunday Jesus remain silent in the face of false accusations, lies and ill-treatment. Do you find it easy, difficult (or somewhere in-between) not to defend yourself when you believe you are being treated unfairly? Why?
4. In what situations should we do the same and be silent? When, if ever, should we not?
5. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent but convicted Him and released Barabbas because he wanted to "satisfy the crowd" (Mark 15:15). Can you think of a time when you were influenced by a crowd of people to make a decision?
6. When it comes to sin, deep within the human heart is a tendency to deny, defend, downplay, and/or deflect it. Which of these do you find easiest to do and why?
7. The only way to exchange Jesus' righteousness for our unrighteousness, his innocence for our guilt, is to be honest with God about our sin and repent. Read and discuss Psalm 32:3-5 in regards to confessing our sin to the Lord.
8. In John 18:31, Jesus told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world." Through our study of the gospel of Matthew, what are some ways we've seen Jesus' kingdom operate differently than the empire Pilate served? What are some ways that Jesus' kingdom continues to defy the assumptions of our modern world?