

Sermon: Christ on Trial: Rejected by Men, Accepted by God
Scripture: John 18:38-19:16

Introduction

- I. Explanation of events:
- II. Two important reminders:
 - A. Things are not always as they appear.
 - B. God is THE Authority (Romans 13:1; Ephesians 1).
 1. Everyone is answerable to Him.
 2. His authority extends to everything and everyone.
- III. A parade of fools:
 - A. Pontius Pilate – protecting self, caving into outside pressure.
 - B. Religious leaders – pleasing selves and rejecting God’s authority.
 - C. Soldiers and crowd – unthinking, impulsive, or acting on feelings or nothing true.
- IV. The wisdom and power of God – Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:22-25):
 - A. Christ denies Himself – freedom to honor God first.
 - B. Christ’s pleasure, happiness – doing the will of God.
 - C. Christ’s wisdom – acting on what is true.