

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA
[**THE BOOK OF JOHN**]

Sunday, March 15, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Lent

D W E L L I N G I N
DISSONANCE

Today's scripture reminds us that Jesus understood and demonstrated power so differently from what we expect. As a result, we experience the upside-down kingdom.

Prelude Sandra Quiring, Pianist

"The Time for Turning" – Courtney/Martin Chancel Choir
Under the direction of Lynn Hall and
accompanied by Sandra Quiring

Welcome & Call to Worship Steve Michel

(Congregation read bold print)

Worship Leader: We gather for worship,
seeking a kingdom that is not of this world.

**All: "Your Kingdom come!
Your will be done on earth!"**

Worship Leader: We pray.
Then we look around . . .
Where is it? What is truth?

Worship Leader: We gather for worship,
asking questions and staying the course.
We pray again and again,

All: "Your kingdom come!"

Worship Leader: Looking and longing . . .
Where is it? Where are you?

Worship Leader: We gather for worship
and find that God is here.

All: On earth as in heaven.

Worship Leader: God's kingdom now and not yet;
here and in the world to come.

All: Let us worship our God.

* "You are salt for the earth" HWB 226
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4)

Children's Focus Tara Maltsberger

* "O God, in restless living" HWB 557

Congregational Prayer Bev Quiring

"Vision of the Cross" –Traditional Irish arr. Sean Paul Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: John 18:28-40 Pastor J Epp
Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Message "The Third Way" Pastor J Epp

* "Jesus, the very thought of thee" HWB 588

Announcements Steve Michel
Offering to God Steve Michel
*(Children may bring forward their "My Coins Count" offerings,
as well as collect them from the congregation and place
them in the copper bowl at the front of the church.)*

Offertory Sandra Quiring, Pianist

* Benediction Pastor J Epp

* "Old Irish Blessing" - Agay (Jay Kroeker, Guitar) Chancel Choir

** If you are able, you are invited to stand.*

All are invited to participate in the Christian Education Hour
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.

John 18:28-40

Jesus Before Pilate

Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world.

If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

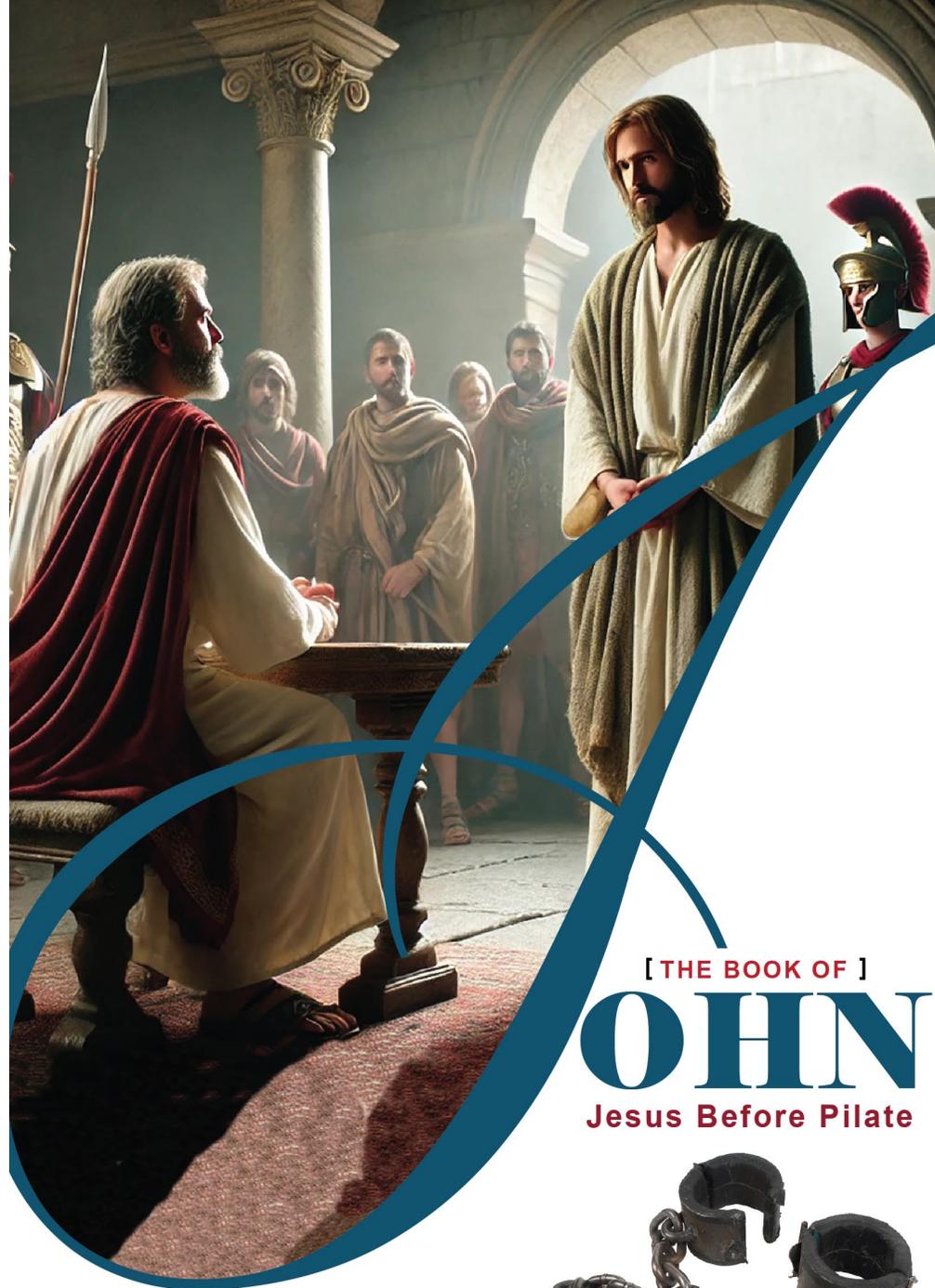


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