

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

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 9:30 a.m.  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

D W E L L I N G I N  
**DISSONANCE**

This week, our attention turns to the cast of characters beyond Jesus at his "trial." Notice the roles various people play in this horrible moment. We are faced with our dissonance when we feel powerless, complicit, innocent, or accused.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

"God So Loved"  
"In Christ Alone"  
"Living Hope"

"All Who Are Thirsty" Worship Band  
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,  
Braden Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,  
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, Amanda Goertzen, Mary Dente

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor J Epp  
(congregation read the bold print)

**All: Welcome Lent —**

One: terrible dissonance,  
as we condemn the Human One.

**All: Welcome lament and confession**

One: as the story comes undone.

**All: Welcome holy mystery**

One: that even this can find a place  
in the tale of God's salvation.

**All: Welcome suffering love and grace.**

\* "The Lord is king" HWB 69  
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4)

Children's Focus Pastor J Epp

\* "O sacred Head, now wounded" HWB 252

Congregational Prayer Pastor Chelsea Vaught

"His Name is Jesus" Worship Band

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-16 Pastor Andrea Wall

**Leader:** This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Message "Here is Your King" Pastor Andrea Wall

\* "Jesus shall reign" HWB 319

Announcements Pastor J Epp

Offering to God Pastor J Epp

*(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 Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

\* Benediction Pastor Andrea Wall

\* "Grace Flows Down" Worship Band

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*\* 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 19:1-16

## Jesus Sentenced to Be Crucified

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power

either to free you or to crucify you?"

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.



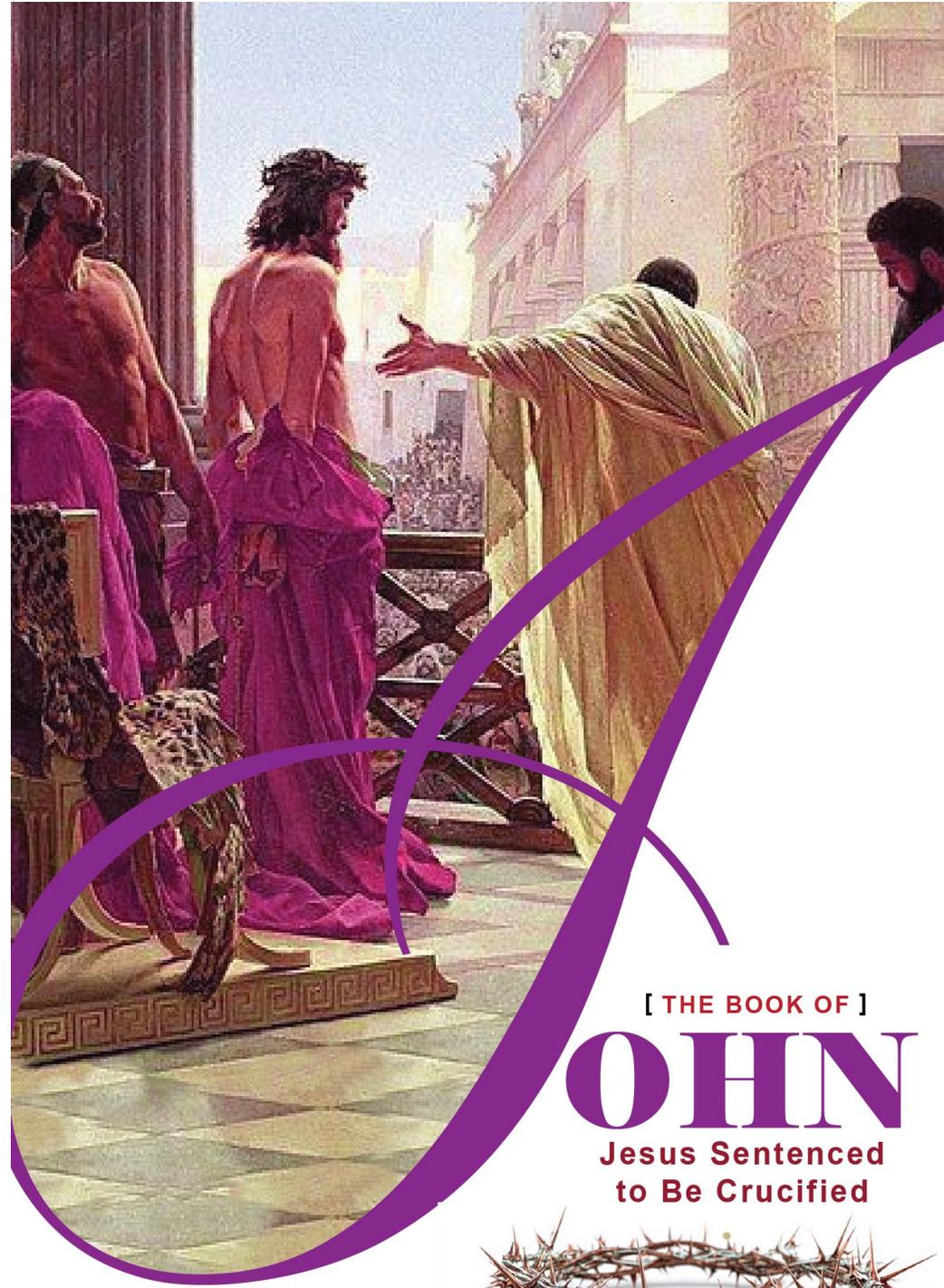
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  - Livestream at <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
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