

## Message Notes | Road to the Cross

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1. Share a time from your childhood when you were influenced by the crowd.

Why is the crowd so powerful? Why is following it so tempting?

2. **Read John 18:28-38.**

- a. Why did the Jewish leaders want the Romans to execute Jesus instead of just doing it themselves?
- b. What does Jesus mean when he says that his Kingdom is not of this world?
- c. Why did Pilate not release Jesus and let him go?

3. Pilate was influenced by the crowd. We can be too. In what ways has "the crowd" made it difficult for you to follow Jesus or obey his will?

What are some things you can do to minimize the influence of the crowd?

4. What changes when we remember that Jesus is our King? (there is more than one answer)

How does this affect the way we think of the crowd? Or the influence it has over us?

5. Easter is next week. Who are you going to pray for, or invite to go to church with you? (share with your group)

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## Bible Reading for Today

### John 18:28-40

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

<sup>30</sup> "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

<sup>31</sup> Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. <sup>32</sup> This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup> 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."

<sup>37</sup> "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."

<sup>38</sup> "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. <sup>39</sup> 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'?"

<sup>40</sup> They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.