

# **SERIES:** CHRIST'S SACRIFICE: OUR HOPE

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, March 18-19, 2023

**SERMON:** What God Wants You to Have

**SCRIPTURE:** John 18:19-40 NIV

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[19] Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

[20] "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.

[21] Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

[22] When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

[23] "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?"

[24] Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

[25] Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not."

[26] One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?"

[27] Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

[28] 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.

[29] So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

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

[31] Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected.

[32] This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

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

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

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

[36] 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."

[37] "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."

[38] "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.

[39] 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'?"

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

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## *What we all need ...*

1. \_\_\_\_\_: **Jesus came to testify to the truth and to reveal God.**
  - We simply \_\_\_\_\_ without truth.
  - Truth demands \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - Hope means \_\_\_\_\_ for today and \_\_\_\_\_ for tomorrow.
  - Hope comes from \_\_\_\_\_ God and experiencing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Hope is strengthened by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and daily \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_: **Jesus came to establish an eternal Kingdom.**
  
4. **A** \_\_\_\_\_: **Jesus came to die in our place.**
  - The world always chooses \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God came to \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.
  - **2 Corinthians 5:21** *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

# Lagniappe

Today is a good day to emphasize the opportunity we have to fellowship as believers and work together for the work of God's Kingdom.

**FBC Covington is made up of four congregations:**

*FBC Covington,*

*Metairie Church,*

*Metairie Korean Church*

*FBC Kenner.*

Each of these congregations has a unique ministry. I am thankful for my brothers and sisters who work and serve with us in these congregations.

I have chosen to write about these congregations today because of what will happen this **Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 3:00PM in The Chapel**. We will hold an ordination service for Yo Sub Woo as pastor of Metairie Korean Church. Much of the service will take place in both English and Korean. The pastors of all our congregations will be present and will help lead in parts of the service.

You are invited to attend as we meet together to worship and to set aside Joseph (Yo Sub) for this important ministry.

# Waylon