

Master Evangelism
EVANGELIZING A SOVEREIGN
John 18:28 - 19:22

Let us learn from Jesus about evangelizing sovereigns

I. DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST (28-35)

A. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

1. Pilate is powerful (28)
2. Pilate is fair (29-30)
3. Pilate is annoyed (31-32)

B. WHAT DO THEY KNOW ABOUT YOU?

- Pilate knows that Jesus is called the King of the Jews (33) ... but doesn't understand why!

C. ASK ABOUT THEIR MOTIVATION (34)

1. Is their inquiry about Jesus personal
2. Or are they interested in Jesus only on a professional level

D. LISTEN TO THEIR RESPONSES (35)

- Pilate has indicated he's not that interested but is curious about Jesus' actions

II. EXPLAIN YOUR MINISTRY (36-37)

A. WHAT IT IS NOT (36)

1. It is not militaristic: Not of this world > It's not about fighting
2. It is not materialistic: Not of this realm > It's not about things

B. WHAT IT IS (37)

1. It is mission-oriented ("missionistic")
2. I'm a special messenger: Speaking truths about God!
3. I'm looking for special listeners

III. EXPECT CONFUSION (18:38-19:6)

A. THE MINDSET OF THE CONFUSED (18:38a)

1. What is truth?
2. Pilate may scorning, scoffing or skeptical

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B. THE DETERMINATION OF THE CONFUSED (18:38b)

1. Jesus is a good guy!
2. Jesus is not guilty of any crime

C. THE OPTIONS FOR THE CONFUSED (18:39-19:5)

1. Make a deal for Jesus (18:39-40)
2. Punish Jesus (19:1-5)

D. THE ANGER OF THE CONFUSED (6)

1. An enraged mob
2. A sarcastic Pilate

IV. **WATCH FOR CONVICTION** (19:7-11)

A. THE REVELATION (7)

- Jesus claims to be God's Son

B. THE REACTIONS (8-11)

1. Fear (8) > His conscience is pricked
2. Desperation (9) > I have to have answers!
3. Intimidation (10-11)
 - a. Pilate's Threat (10)
 - b. Jesus' Rejoinder (11)
 - Consider the source of your authority and the significance of your sin

V. **UNDERSTAND HUMAN NATURE** (19:12-22)

A. THE UNSAVED ARE SYMPATHETIC TO JESUS (12a)

- I'll do something good for Jesus

B. THE UNSAVED ARE SELFISH ABOVE ALL (12b-18)

1. The Jews play the "friend of Caesar" trump card (12b)
2. Pilate's self-love and self-interests win out over his conscience-stricken heart (13-18)

C. THE UNSAVED ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD (19:19-22)

1. Pilate understands the majesty of Jesus but refused His message
2. He rejects Jesus as the truth-telling (18:37), mercy-giving (19:11) Savior

CONCLUSION: Pilate washed his hands (Matthew 27:24) but not his heart!

May God help us see and offer salvation to all sovereigns and sinners

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