

Scripture: John 18:28-40

Singing: 292 – 230:1, 4-6 – 120:1, 3, 4 – 8:1-4

Intro: Pilate was not the only one seeking for what is truth!

Jesus bears witness in your ear to the truth you are to hear

I. Jesus came to bear witness to us about the truth

A. Jesus bore witness about God's majestic greatness

1. John 1:1-3: *God's creation is His witness to you* (Rom 1:20)

2. John 1:14, 3:14ff; 4:23: *God's super-exalting witness of love and grace*

B. Jesus bears witness to the truth of your fallen-ness

1. John 3:19; 19:11: *we loved darkness (sin) above light (grace)*

2. John 19:5: *we are pictured in our fallenness in Jesus mock presentation*

C. Jesus bears witness to the truth of the only way of salvation

1. John 14:6 (John 1:29 & 5:33): *Jesus is the Lamb of God*

2. Jesus' witness is His invitation to you to make use of Him

II. Jesus bears witness that if you hear or obey His voice you are of the truth

A. We do respond to His Word: *but only one response is saving* (John 3:36)

1. examine: *Are you a person 'of the truth'?* (John 18:37)

2. rejoice: *to be of the truth* means you *belong to Him* (John 10:27; 17:8)

3. repent: *not believing truth is a very serious sin* (1 John 5:10; John 8:31-32)

a. perhaps you recognize it as such a serious sin

b. yet to Jesus it is the worst sin (Matt. 11:20-24)

B. His call remains: *Come unto Me and behold My glory in love* (John 3:16)

Dear children,

This evening you will listen to Jesus talking with Pilate. Pilate was a Roman chief. He was weak man. He did not do what he knew he should have done. For he knew Jesus was not guilty. Still Pilate sent Jesus to cross to die.

1. Pilate's question about truth was answered by Jesus in John 14:6. What is it?

2. Jesus told Pilate He was send by God to be a witness. A witness tells what He has seen and knows as true
 - a. What did Jesus witness about God? (Listen for God's *greatness*)

 - b. What did Jesus witness about man? (Listen for man's *fallen-ness*)

 - c. What did Jesus witness about the only way of salvation?

3. Jesus is God's Lamb God Himself offered to bring us the hope of forgiveness. What are *you* to do with the Lamb of God?

4. Jesus said that those who hear His voice are saved. But is 'just hearing' Him enough? Or what did the Jewish people like Jesus mean with '**hearing**'?



5. In the picture the man is telling great news to the people. But they do not believe him. Jesus calls unbelief the worst sin. Why is that the worst sin?

6. Write down two things you will pray about when you come home.