

## **Sermon Based Discussion**

**Sermon Title: The Raiment of the King**

**Sermon Series: The Kind of King Christ Is**

**Sermon Texts: John 19:1-16**

### **OPENING QUESTION**

1. What are some of the jobs kids dream about having when they're young. Why are they so cool to kids?

How do those jobs look to kids as they grow older?

2. What are some of the "perks" people may associate with being Christian?

What do people tend to associate with being Christian as they grow up in our culture?

### **INTO THE BIBLE**

**Read John 19:1-16**

3. Consider the three "main" characters in this account: the Jewish leaders, the Roman official Pilate, and Jesus. What was the goal of each of the characters throughout this account and were they successful?
4. In verses 1-6, Pilate and the Roman soldiers mock Jesus as King. Pilate hoped to show a humiliated "king Jesus" to release Jesus as harmless. From the perspective of the rest of the Bible, why is this ironic? (See also John 18:33-40)
5. In verses 7-12, Pilate asserts he has authority over Jesus to either release him or crucify him. According to the rest of the account, is this true or not?

How should we take Jesus' words about the poor? (Cf. Deuteronomy 15:11)

### **GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)**

The gospel writer teaches us that we may miss the way Jesus is arrayed as King. We may think a king should be magnificent, but Jesus was bloody and broken. We may think a king should assert his authority over others, but Jesus asserted his authority for the sake of others.

6. What does this imply about the kind of King Christ is? And what does this imply for those who would follow him?

The Jews lost themselves by claiming they have no king but Caesar. And Pilate tried to wash his hands of this whole affair (Matthew 27:24).

7. If someone rejects the idea of Jesus and God, how would they try to have hope for our world?
8. If Jesus were truly the Son of God who died and rose again to save the world, how does that provide hope for the world?

### **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

*Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37b, ESV)*