

21st March 2021

'On trial'
John 18:28-40

Opening: Most of the people we meet every day don't pay any real attention to Jesus. How does that make us feel?

1. The Jewish leaders attempted to remain 'clean' by staying outside a Gentile house (v. 28) whilst plotting to murder an innocent man. What is our reaction to this hypocrisy?
2. Where might we see this kind of hypocrisy in the world today?
 - a. How might this help to explain why so many people reject Jesus?
3. How do we know that Jesus is still in charge during this trial?
 - a. What do we make of his willingness to die for 'the world'?
4. Why is Jesus uniquely able to claim his words are truth (v. 37)?
 - a. What kind of truth is Jesus able to testify to?
 - b. When someone rejects Jesus' testimony, what does this reveal about them?
5. How can this trial help to keep us believing in Jesus, even when so many people in the world around us do not?