# "Not Everything Is As It Appears To Be"  Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John

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# John 18:28-40 (ESV)

1. **Jesus had total control in how He would dies (Verses 28-32)**

**28**Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. **29**So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” **30**They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.” **31**Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” **32**This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

**John 3:14-21(ESV)**

**14**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15**that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**16**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **18**Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. **19**And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. **20**For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. **21**But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

1. **The spiritual realm is Jesus kingdom (Verses 33-36)**

**33**So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” **34**Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” **35**Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” **36**Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

1. **The truth “is” Jesus—and those who know Him listen (verses 37-40)**

**37**Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” 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.” **38**Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him. **39**But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **40**They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

**John 10:14-18 (ESV)**

**14**I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **15**just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16**And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17**For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. **18**No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”