

Jesus Declares the Reason for His Birth  
John 18:28-19:16

Any time we reflect on the arrival of Jesus as we are during these days of Advent, there are two perspectives to remember. The prophet, Isaiah, beautifully delineates them for us: “For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given” (Isaiah 9:6). While Jesus was the child miraculously born to the virgin Mary, He was also the Son graciously given from heaven by the Father.

When we turn in the Gospels to the actual words of Jesus, however, while He often spoke of why He came into the world, there appears to be only one occasion when He spoke of His actual birth, and that was the night of His arrest during His appearance before Pontius Pilate. In this moment He declared, ‘For this I have been born, and for this reason I came into the world, to bear witness to the truth’ (John 18:37)

**I. ISSUES ADDRESSED IN THE FLOW OF THE PASSAGE**

- Jewish and Roman \_\_\_\_\_ (18:28-32)
  
- Kings and \_\_\_\_\_ (18:33-37)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ the innocent or the guilty (18:38-19:3)
  
- The horrific \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (19:1-3)

- Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ - King of the Jews and the Son of God (19:4-9)
- Roman authority vs \_\_\_\_\_ authority (19:10-11)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King of Truth (19:12-16)

## II. IMPLICATIONS OF JESUS' TRUTH CLAIMS FOR US TODAY

- His truth in all things is \_\_\_\_\_ and never changes.
- How we respond to the truth claims of Jesus is the most determinative \_\_\_\_\_ about us individually and as a church.
- His truth is for those who \_\_\_\_\_ to His voice.