

## Notes on John 18 Message

### "Clash of Kingdoms"

- Pilate, the Roman governor, wanted to know what Jesus had done wrong. • As the king of spiritual Israel, Jesus was publicly critical of the greed, injustice, and hypocrisy of the political leaders of Israel. That's why they wanted him dead.

- 18:33-38 *"Then Pilate went back inside and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "Are you the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Your own people and their leading priests brought you here. Why? What have you done?" Pilate asked. Then he went out again to the people and told them, "He is not guilty of any crime."*

- **BATTLE.** There is constant battle between good and evil in this world, between good and bad government. *"When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan."*

Proverbs 29:2

- **THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY.** Our nation was built upon the foundation of Jesus, King of Truth, and the Scriptures. Our nation purposed life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for every citizen.

- **DOING OUR PART.**

**-1- Pray for the nation.**

*"...if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land. I will listen to every prayer. 2 Chronicles 7:14"*

**-2- Live and support what we know to be true.** Moral and ethical lives—honest, righteous and merciful.

**-3- Choose good leaders** who will tell us the truth, seek justice and mercy, and not be swayed by bribes and public opinion.

**-4- Choose Jesus as king.** Let him rule our mind, will and intentions and consequently our words and actions.

*"But although the world was made through him, the world didn't recognize him when he came. Even in his own land and among his own people, he was not accepted. But to all who accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn! This is not a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan—this rebirth comes from God." John 1:10*