

IRONY, RAGE, AND THE GOOD & GRACIOUS KING

March 1st, 2026

When It All Went Down // John 19:12-16

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. How has praying for “Your One” gone this week? Any updates on “Your One”?
2. When you see world events unfold (wars, elections, unrest), what is your instinctive emotional response — fear, anger, confidence, hope?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. Read John 19:12-16 aloud together. What phrases do you notice repeated or emphasized? What feels shocking or backward? What stood out from Sunday’s message? What encouraged or challenged you?
4. What does “friendship with the world” look like in real life (not just “bad stuff,” but subtle stuff)? (v. 12)
5. The sermon emphasized: **“Jesus is King” is always a political statement** (because it means Caesar isn’t ultimate). Where do you see that tension today?
6. Why is it good news that human justice fails here but God’s justice is being accomplished? (v. 13-16)
7. Pastor Avery stated that we see: **“The guiltless found guilty so the guilty may become guiltless.”** How does this shape the way you view your sin and your forgiveness?
8. In what ways does Pilate's mockery of Jesus as king actually proclaim the deepest truth of the Gospel, and how does this demonstrate God's sovereignty even in human rebellion? (v. 14)
9. What “Caesars” compete for loyalty today? Where do you feel the pressure to “fit in” with Caesar’s world? (v. 15)
10. How does the irony of the Jews choosing Caesar over Jesus as their king reveal the ways we might prioritize earthly allegiances over our commitment to Christ in our own lives?
11. What comfort do you find in knowing God was not surprised, not defeated, and not outplayed? (v. 16)
12. How does the cross prove Jesus is a *good and gracious King*?
13. The sermon asks whether people would identify you primarily as a friend of God or a friend of some other cause or allegiance. What would an honest assessment of your life reveal?
14. What does it mean practically to declare that Jesus is King in a world with competing political, economic, and social powers that demand our loyalty?



🕒 PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

Choose 2–3 questions:

1. Where are you most tempted to be “double-aligned”—Jesus plus something else?
2. What fear most pressures you to stay quiet about Jesus (rejection, conflict, losing influence, being misunderstood)?
3. Where have you sought the approval of people more than the approval of God?
4. What’s one obedience step this week that says, “Jesus is King” in my life?

Prayer focus:

- Undivided allegiance to King Jesus
- Courage when the world pressures you
- Worship that leads to obedience
- Open doors for gospel conversations

Announcements

Chili Cook Youth Fundraiser: Sunday, March 15th After 2nd Service: [Kiln Student Ministry: Chili Cook Off Youth Fundraiser](#)

Resources for Going Deeper

Day of Preparation for Passover and Passover Meal: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Day-of-Preparation.html>

Helpful Meditation/Devotion: <https://www.truthforlife.org/devotionals/alistair-begg/3/18/2026/>

Read & Meditate on Psalm 2