

**Sovereign Grace Church**  
**“Kings and Kingdoms” outline**  
April 14, 2019

**John 18: 33-40**

*Palm Sunday is a celebration whereby Christians celebrate the official & historical declaration of Jesus Christ as Messiah and King. He had lived the previous three years teaching His disciples and offering all who were interested entry into a Kingdom where God's will was honored and fulness of health along with release from demonic oppression and the dominion of sin would follow. It was a kingdom where men's characters would be transformed from being consumed with self-exaltation to being filled with the Holy Spirit of eternal peace and joy. It was a kingdom that would never end and would eventually defeat every other pretender to the Cosmic Throne.*

*It was thus a kingdom in open conflict with the kingdoms of this world whose modus operandi is manipulation, deceit and a never-ending contest of material and political power. On Palm Sunday Jesus openly lays down the gauntlet for a contest between His Kingdom and the kingdom of this world....along with this kingdom's god! Between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday the contrast between these kingdoms is openly displayed. One of the more graphic places occurs during the confrontation between Jesus and Pilate. We will look at that passage in an effort to discern the contrast between these two kings and their kingdoms.*

**1. King Jesus meets King (Procurator) Pilate**

- **Jesus' evangelical interest**  
vv. 34-35
  
- **Jesus clarifies His Kingdom**  
v. 36
  
- **Pilate and Jesus on kingship and truth**  
vv. 37-40; Jn 8: 31-32

**2. A Contrast of Kingdoms**  
**Jn 17: 21**

**Questions for Conversation and Discussion**

- 1. How does Palm Sunday fit in with the story of Lent, Good Friday and Easter Sunday? How do you think it should be celebrated? Why were palm branches used in Jesus' procession to Jerusalem? What was the significance of riding on the donkey?**
- 2. How would you contrast Jesus' Kingdom with the various political "kingdoms" of which you are familiar? What would have been the significance if Jesus had summoned the angels of Heaven to deliver Him from the Cross? Could they have done it? Would it have been victory?**
- 3. What are the limitations of political movements today? How does Jesus' kingdom transcend these limitations? How would a Christian politician go about doing his work as a politician and as a disciple of Jesus at the same time? How would his work be different that of a typical this-worldly politician?**
- 4. How was Jesus' death on the cross actually a victory over Satan and the kingdoms of this world? How does Jesus' death relate to His resurrection?**