

# MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

## CAESAR & CHRIST

**John 18:36 & 19:11**

On "Palm Sunday" the Jewish people hailed Jesus as the Son of David, the promised King & Savior (Messiah), against the strenuous objections of the religious leaders (rabbinic and priestly). A mere five days later they were calling for Pilate to execute Him as a blasphemer. Israel rejected Jesus as their king, and the Roman governor Pilate scorned the idea, but ...

### **1. Jesus IS King – whether Caesar & the Jews believe it or not.**

- Jesus affirms that He is indeed a king (18:36,37)
- Pilate's unbelief does not negate God's truth.
- **WE** must submit to Christ and proclaim His kingship regardless of who agrees or who rejects or what it costs us.

### **2. The kingdom of Jesus is heavenly, not earthly**

- Neither Jesus the King nor His church owes His kingship to any earthly authority. HIS authority is supreme.
- Christ's kingship & kingdom is spiritual, not like any earthly realm.
- Truth is the mighty weapon of our King, made powerful by His Spirit.

### **3. All earthly power comes from God (Father, Son, & Spirit)**

- All power on earth comes from God & is answerable to Him and NEVER a law unto itself (John 19:11).
- Civil rulers should submit themselves to Christ (Psalm 2),
- And civil rulers & citizens who are Christians should obey Christ in the use of their powers.
- Salvation comes only from Jesus, the Savior-King, thru the Word. No mere earthly power can deliver from sin & judgment or compel faith & repentance.
- All earthly realms will perish in God's judgment (Hebrews 12:25-29).