

Sunday Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of John 18:33b-37: The Trial Before Pilate

Pilate said to Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?” Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world,

my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.” So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Focus Questions

1. What question did Pilate ask of Jesus? How did Jesus answer?
2. Is Jesus a king? If so, what is His kingdom?
3. What does Jesus explain that He came into the world to do?
4. How do we know the truth?