

Just Unfair: John 19:1-16a
Our Living Hope (The Gospel of John)
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The innocent King is condemned to die so that the guilty sinner is freed to live.

1. The Spiritual Leadership Blindly Demands that Jesus be Crucified, 19:1-11

a. Pilate reiterates the innocence of Jesus, 19:1-7

"Here is the man!" = while Pilate probably hopes that the beaten and pitiful sight of Jesus would be enough for the religious powers, he also unwittingly declares the truth of his incarnation (deity wrapped up in humanity)

b. Jesus clarifies the authority of Pilate, 19:8-11

Pilate's authority over Jesus is God-given - so God, not Pilate, is ultimately in charge of this case

2. The Political Ruler Foolishly Decides that Jesus be Crucified, 19:12-16a

a. Pilate attempts to release Jesus, 19:12

b. Pilate relents to crucify Jesus, 19:13-16a

"Behold your king" = Pilate likely speaks with a demeaning, condescending tone as he mocks Jesus as well as the Jews over such a powerless ruler - but he also becomes a divine mouthpiece who affirms Jesus as the divinely-promised, long-awaited King