

## Gospel of John

### Study Questions for Chapter 19:

1. If Jesus were to teach a parable today that perfectly captured the essence of modern greed and the illusion of security, what modern object or scenario might He use to illustrate the folly of building bigger "barns" (Luke 12:18)?
2. If the inscription "INRI" (Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews) represented the Roman Empire's greatest accidental truth, what single, unintended positive outcome resulted from Pilate's refusal to change the sign?
3. During His trial, Jesus was silent before Pilate's question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). Given the opportunity for a one-word answer, what single word would most profoundly encapsulate His response, and why did He choose silence instead?
4. If you could interview the individuals who simultaneously shouted "Crucify him!" and "We have no king but Caesar!" (John 19:15), what would be the core conflict or fear that led them to reject their own Messianic hope for Roman political security?
5. When Jesus walked on water, was the miracle primarily one of **power** (overriding the laws of nature) or one of **faith** (demonstrating perfect union with the Father's power)? How does the brief sinking of Peter (Matthew 14:30) clarify this distinction?
6. Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock" (Revelation 3:20). If that door is the human heart, describe what the "knock" sounds like in a highly secular, distraction-filled world.
7. Which passage from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), if disregarded by a modern society, would cause the most rapid and complete social decay?
8. Jesus told Pilate that the one who delivered Him had the "greater sin" (John 19:11). Beyond Judas, who is Jesus most likely referring to, and how does the concept of "greater sin" weigh authority, knowledge, and deliberate malice?
9. The soldiers gambled for Jesus's seamless tunic (John 19:23). This garment traditionally symbolized the unified priesthood. What theological truth about the *new* covenant priesthood did the survival of that single, seamless garment foreshadow?
10. Outside of the 12 disciples, which person who encountered Jesus in the Gospels, whether friend, foe, or miracle recipient, likely had the greatest *unrecorded* impact on the spread of Christianity after the Resurrection?