

## LEARNING TO HEAR HIS VOICE: A JOURNEY TO JESUS

### WEEK 9

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### *Jesus Makes Sin Forgivable ... for Anyone*

Not only are we hopelessly doomed in our sin and guilt, not only did God the Father send His only Son to save us, not only did the Son give His life to do so, but we also shrugged off His sacrifice and said it wasn't necessary, boasting, "I can save myself by my own activity, or morality, or religiosity, or sincerity. I don't need a Savior."

We are oblivious to what God's Son did for us. We don't realize we need a Savior, much less have any gratitude for our salvation. But God demonstrated His love for us before we were even born by sending His Son to be our Savior. His Son is Jesus, Who makes sin forgivable for anyone. Even you. Even me. Even Judas ...

Pilate missed the opportunity of a lifetime – to ask the Truth to explain Himself. Pilate had found the source of all Truth, the summation of all truth, the supremacy of all truth, yet he had casually dismissed Him as irrelevant! The Truth was staring him in the face, but Pilate wasn't interested. Pilate has many ideological children today who spend their lives and a lot of money searching for the truth while dismissing the gospel as irrelevant. The climate today, even within the church, can be so pragmatic, so political, so psychological, so philosophical, that we casually dismiss the Truth as an unnecessary complication to our plans and programs ...

*Note: Some Scripture verses were omitted on the worksheets for this chapter due to space constraints. But you are encouraged to go back and study the entire passage for the fullest blessing.*

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<p><b>JOHN 18:1-8</b></p> <p>1 When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it.</p> <p>2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.</p> <p>3 So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.</p> <p>4 Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"</p> <p>5 "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)</p> <p>6 When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.</p> <p>7 Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."</p> <p>8 "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go."</p>			

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<p><b>JOHN 18:12-14; 19-24</b></p> <p><b>12</b> Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him</p> <p><b>13</b> and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.</p> <p><b>14</b> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.</p> <p><b>19</b> Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.</p> <p><b>20</b> "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.</p> <p><b>21</b> Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."</p> <p><b>22</b> When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.</p> <p><b>23</b> "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?"</p> <p><b>24</b> Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.</p>			

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<p><b>JOHN 18:25-32</b></p> <p><b>25</b> As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, “You are not one of his disciples, are you? He denied it, saying, “I am not.”</p> <p><b>26</b> One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the olive grove?”</p> <p><b>27</b> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.</p> <p><b>28</b> Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.</p> <p><b>29</b> So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”</p> <p><b>30</b> “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”</p> <p><b>31</b> Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” “But we have no right to execute anyone,” the Jews objected.</p> <p><b>32</b> This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.</p>			

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<p><b>JOHN 18:33-40</b></p> <p><b>33</b> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"</p> <p><b>34</b> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"</p> <p><b>35</b> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"</p> <p><b>36</b> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."</p> <p><b>37</b> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."</p> <p><b>38</b> "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him.</p> <p><b>39</b> But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews?'"</p> <p><b>40</b> They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.</p>			

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<p><b>JOHN 19:6-12</b></p> <p><b>6</b> As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”</p> <p><b>7</b> The Jews insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”</p> <p><b>8</b> When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid,</p> <p><b>9</b> and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.</p> <p><b>10</b> “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”</p> <p><b>11</b> Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”</p> <p><b>12</b> From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”</p>			

