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**The
Gathering
Storm**
JOHN 18-19

John 19:1-16 | See Him There: A Calibrating Look at Our Suffering Savior (Part 1)

Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **John 19:1-5** and **Isaiah 53:5**. The primary transaction that took place at the cross was the imputation of our sin to Jesus and the imputation of his righteousness to us. That said, there was more that took place. Jesus did not simply walk out of the garden and onto the cross. What can we take away from the physical suffering and humiliation he endured prior to the crucifixion itself?

2. Read **John 19:11**. Based on passages like this one in John 19 and **Acts 2:22-23** as well as **Acts 4:26-28** and **2 Samuel 24:1** compared to **1 Chronicles 21:1**, what are we left to conclude about God's sovereignty over sin and evil? Read the article linked in the QR code below. In this article, the author makes the statement, "God has a hand in the action of the sin but not in the sin of the action. In other words, God's control of history ensures that everything happens by his design, but he does not plant evil thoughts and motives in human beings to carry such actions out." Agree or disagree? Is this a helpful distinction for us in trying to wrestle with God's sovereignty over sin and evil?



3. Read **John 19:14-15**. How can politics become a form of idolatry for a Christian? How do you find yourself tempted in this way? How can political idolatry be traced to a fear of man rather than a fear of God? What should a healthy level of political engagement look like for a Christian?

4. Throughout his interactions with Jesus, Pilate seems to be trying to placate the crowds while at the same time distancing himself from the condemnation of Jesus. In other words, he wanted to be neutral. There are many in our world who want to be neutral when it comes to their stance on Christ and Christianity. How does a passage like this show us that this is an impossibility? What evangelistic approach might be helpful in pursuing someone like that with the gospel?

Recommended Reading

- *The Final Days of Jesus: The Most Important Week of the Most Important Person Who Ever Lived* - Andreas Kostenberger
- *The Murder of Jesus* - John MacArthur
- *The Shadow of Calvary: Gethsemane, The Arrest, and the Trial of Christ* - Hugh Martin
- *Rich Wounds: The Countless Treasures of the Life, Death, and Triumph of Jesus* - David Mathis



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