



# The Kingdom Consummated

*It is as You Said* – Jesus Stands Trial Before Pilate  
Sunday, March 24/24 --- Matthew 27:1-26

## Sermon Outline:

**“I have sinned . . .”  $\neq$  Repentance and Reconciliation**

**“I’m innocent . . .”  $\neq$  Guilt Free and Unaccountable**

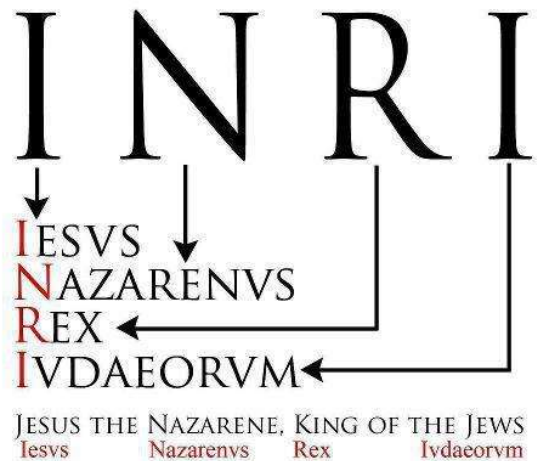
**“You have said so . . .” = Our King and Redeemer**



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Herod's Palace



## 2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

## Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Share a story of when godly grief has led you to repentance.
2. How do you usually handle guilt? What do you think God's intended purpose for guilt is?
3. When have you hesitated to make a decision because you were afraid of the consequences?  
What advice would you give yourself now if you could go back in time?
4. What attitudes, emotions, or perspective must a person have in order to stay calm while being attacked? Why do you think Jesus was so calm before His accusers?
5. In what situations do you need to quit arguing and defending yourself – trusting God to be your advocate?

### Application:

Who crucified Jesus? The Jews? The Religious Leaders? The Romans? The Crowd? God the Father? This week, as we journey towards Good Friday, consider the various reasons why Jesus was crucified. Consider why He died for you. How have you responded? How does His sacrifice impact your daily living? In what ways could you express your gratitude towards Him this week?