The Gospel of John SS ~ April 6, 2008

John 19:12-16

"Behold, Your King!"

1) How does Pilate obviously view Jesus in light of John's statement in 19:12?

2) What seems to be the motivating factor behind Pilate's abrupt transition from seeking to release Jesus to beginning to pronounce judgment upon him? How does this come into play with Jesus' self-confession and Peter's denials?

3) In light of what we know with reference to Jesus' kingly office from the rest of Scripture, what is so ironic about Pilate taking the "judgment seat" in 19:13?

4) In similar fashion to the thrust of Pilate's declaration, "Behold, the man!", in 19:5, what two things are going on in his pronouncement, "Behold, your king!" in 19:14? (*one is self-evident; the other has a deeper level of theological irony to it)

5) What is so startling and ironic about the Jewish leaders' cry in 19:15, "We have no king but Caesar."?

6) Is there any significance to the fact that in 19:16 John does not record Pilate's response to the chief priests cry for the crucifixion nor his official judgment of Jesus?