

“Which ‘King’ Do I Give Thanks For in My Life?”

Based on John 18:36-38a
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John 18:36 - 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."

† **Jesus was accused of being a king.**

† **Jesus is drawing a distinction between the manner in which the kings of this world rule and the way that he rules.**

† **The kings of this world rule through force.**

John 18:37 - "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."

† **Jesus rules through truth.**

† **Jesus is the King of Truth.**

† **Jesus has come to earth to reveal the truth of God.**

† **In Jesus, we hear the words of God.**

John 18:37c - (Jesus said) "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

† **Am I on the side of truth?**

† **Do I listen to the King of Truth?**

John 18:38a - "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

† **We all have some power which we serve as king of our life.**

† **Money**

† **Job**

† **Pleasure**

† **Sports team or Celebrity**

† **Addictions**

† **Others? _____**

† **Jesus**

† **The truth is the truth no matter how I put it.**

† **I am to live truthfully in all aspects of my life.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† What “kings” have “ruled” in my life in the past?
(Don't know? Ask a loved one)

† What “kings” rule in my life today?

† Where does Jesus rank in “kings” I listen to when I make a decision?

† When am I most likely not to be truthful?

† What is one way I can better live following the King of Truth this week?