

Morning Message Outline

March 15, 2020

“The King’s Suffering: 3. Power Plays” John 19:1-16a

- I. Introduction: Who is most powerful?

- II. Pilate’s inner power struggle: morality (doing what is right) versus expediency (doing what is advantageous).
 - A. Political parties pressure politicians to walk the party line.

 - B. What do you do when forced to choose between what is right and what is personally beneficial?

 - C. Jesus reminds Pilate: The power of governing authorities comes from above (from God).

- III. A frequently abused form of power: Superior physical strength.

- IV. The effective form of power the Jewish leaders use: fear.

- V. John’s revelation: God is the ultimate authority in control of all that is transpiring.

- VI. Conclusion: What’s at stake?