



Lesson #4-29

JESUS IS SENTENCED

John 19:1-16a

**Key Verse:**

Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"
John 19:5

The Point:

Jesus goes to the cross for us.

Unit Theme (March 27—April 15)

God's Kingdom Revealed

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Supplies:

See the kingdom today.

- † Bibles
- † Internet-connected devices
- † Optional: newspapers

Instructions:

1. **Last week, Jesus told Pilate that his kingdom is not from this world. While the Gospel of John does not talk about it much, the other Gospels speak a lot about the kingdom of God. This kingdom is sometimes described as "already but not yet." This sounds contradictory, but it means that, while God's kingdom will come fully in the future, it is already breaking through in small ways today. God's kingdom is not a physical place, it is the reality where God's will is done. What does God's will for the world look like?** Allow discussion.
2. **We see so much in our world today that seems hopeless: war, poverty, homelessness, and hunger. How can we see God's kingdom in the midst of these difficulties?**
3. **Provide online access or newspapers, and challenge participants to look for images that provide hope and show God's kingdom at work in the world. Invite them to share what they find.**
4. **Let's take some time to see what Scripture teaches us about God's kingdom on earth today.** Invite volunteers to read the following passages:
 - Luke 1:50-54
 - Luke 4:18-19
 - Matthew 6:10
 - Matthew 1:14-15
5. **How can we see God's kingdom in these places? How can we as the church be the kingdom of God in the midst of the hurt that we see in the world?**