Sermon 11/21/21

"For This Reason Bible Readings:

Isaiah 9:2-7 John 18: 33-37

- Re-Read the Scripture for this week.
- Have you ever been so zealous for a cause that you did something that others wouldn't do?
 - o Did it turn out all right?
 - O Why or why not?
- Read 1 Peter 2:9
 - O Do you believe that you are a royal priest?
 - o How do you handle that responsibility?
 - O Do you take it seriously, or don't think much of it?
- Pontius Pilot ruled freely, almost without accountability. Just like us...
 - Are we willing to give up that control to allow another to shine brighter than ourselves?
 - o Will we allow Jesus to be brought wholly into our lives?
- Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life."
 - o Do you realize there would be no life without Jesus?
 - o There is no way to heaven without Jesus?
 - o That there is no truth without Jesus?
- How do we react to that knowledge?
 - o Do we rely on our own freedom?
 - o Do we rely on our own power?
 - o Do we rely on our own royalty?
 - Or do we let Jesus in?
- November 21st, 2021 is Christ the King Sunday... it was established in 1925 to remind us who the king really is. A king that can be judged by Pontius Pilot, and crucified doesn't seem to be a king worth worshipping, and allowing to control our lives. But it is for this reason that He came to bring His kingdom, to raise up His people.
 - O How can we keep this attitude, and this knowledge all year round?