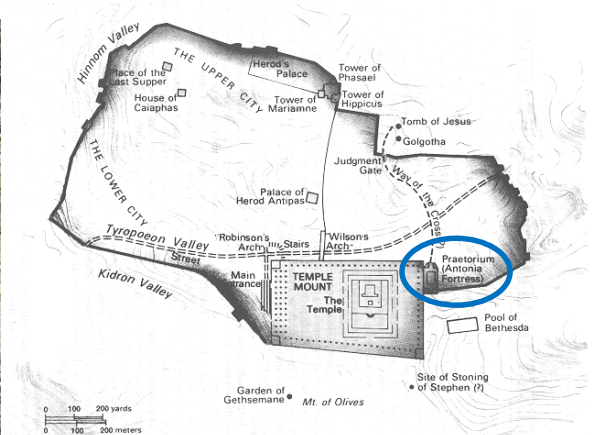


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<p><sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”</p>	<p><sup>33</sup>Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” <sup>37</sup>Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say <i>correctly</i> that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”</p>	<p><sup>33</sup>Then Pilate went back into the court house again. He called for Jesus and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask me because you yourself think I am, or do you ask me because others said I am?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and the chief priests have brought you here to me. Tell me, what have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered him, “I am not a king in this world. If I were, my people would fight so that I would not be given to the Jews. But I am not a king in this world.” <sup>37</sup>So Pilate said, “So you really are a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. The reason that I was born was that I should tell what is true. That is why I came into the world. Everyone who likes what is true listens to what I say.”</p>

Text from <http://www.keyway.ca/hm2000/20001026.htm>

The Praetorium, or Pretorium, is the Latin version of the Greek word pronounced *prai-tor-ion*. The Romans originally used the term for a general’s tent in an army camp, but later it also referred to a military headquarters in a city where the Roman governor or procurator also often resided. The Bible variously refers to the Praetorium as the “common hall,” the “governor’s house,” the “judgment hall,” “Pilate’s house,” and the “palace.”



Maps from <http://urantia.invisionzone.com/index.php?/topic/1612-paper-185-the-trial-before-pilate/>

1. Events before this passage: Jesus arrested in Gethsemane in the ravine of the Kidron Valley; Jesus brought before Annas (father-in-law to Caiaphas the High Priest); Jesus brought before Caiaphas; Jesus brought before Pilate in the Praetorium. After this passage: Pilate attempts to free Jesus but the priests ask for Barabbas instead; Jesus is whipped; Pilate finds no guilt; the priests demand Jesus be put to death; Pilate condemns Jesus. Looking at the maps, what has been Jesus' sojourn from the Gethsemane to the Praetorium? When does it take place? Who is he with at different parts of the sojourn?
2. Verse 33-34: What is Pilate's first question and how does Jesus answer? Why does he give this answer? Who might the "others" be?
3. Verse 35: How does Pilate answer Jesus? What new question does he ask?
4. Verse 36: Consider Jesus' response. Is he answering Pilate's first or second question? Both questions?
5. When Jesus says, "my kingdom is not of this world," is he speaking literally or metaphorically? When Pilate hears this answer, is he hearing literally or metaphorically? Is there a disconnect between Jesus and Pilate? Why or why not?
6. Verse 37: What is Pilate's third question? Do you think Pilate knows what Jesus' answer is going to be when he asks the question?
7. How does the first part of Jesus' answer ("You say that I am a king.") relate to his first question to Pilate in verse 34 ("Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?")?
8. Jesus says in verse 37, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." For Jesus as the speaker, what do you think he means the phrase "for this" refers to? For Pilate as the listener, what do you think he understands the phrase "for this" refers to? Again, is there a disconnect between Jesus and Pilate? Why or why not?
9. What does the phrase "the truth" refer to? When Jesus says, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice," what does he mean? Do you think Pilate understands what Jesus means?
10. Pilate is asking what are life-and-death questions of Jesus. Is Jesus being straightforward with his answers? Why or why not?
11. When you ask questions of God, are the answers straightforward? Why or why not?
12. When others ask you questions about God or spirituality, is there sometimes a disconnect between you and the person you are speaking with? What can be done to minimize any disconnect there might be?
13. More broadly, does the church speak the language of the community in which it finds itself, whether that community is local or more global? What can be one to maximize effective communication?