

## MESSAGE NOTES | APRIL 7 2019

# THE Choice

### Politics & Religion

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John 18:38, p.755

It's a very divisive time...extremely important choices are being made. In this day and age people so easily divide into camps. Everyone claims to have a corner on the truth; whether what they believe is true or not doesn't really seem to matter.

#### The choices before me today:

1. Will I live a life of integrity or **deception**?  
(John 18:28-35)
2. Is the kingdom **of God** more important to me than a **political** kingdom? (John 18:33-37)
3. Do I genuinely care about **the truth** no matter what? (John 18:37-19:6)
4. Will I **openly declare** who my king is? (John 19:7-15)

**THE ONE THING:** **We are the ones on trial in John 18:19!**

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize John 18:38.
- Read John 13-19 this week.
- Go public for Jesus through Believer's Baptism (April 28).
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Describe a time when you experienced one of those awkward conversations where you wanted to avoid the real question needing to be asked.

### LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 Read John 3:1-18. What is Nicodemus wanting to know? Why do you think Jesus answers the way He does?\*
- 3 When we are born of the Spirit, what changes in our lives? Can you think of examples of how your faith determines your choices in life?

### TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 Have you been born again (born from above) as described by Jesus? How do you know? If not, what does John 3:16 tell you?

\*Note: Nicodemus seems to leave without making a decision...for further insights, see John 7:50 & John 19:39.

## WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Steady My Heart](#)

[Great Things](#)

[Be Thou My Vision](#)

[Behold the Lamb](#)

[Is He Worthy](#)