

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : John 18:1 - 19:16

Title : Sovereignty and Suffering

Introduction

J.S. Bach, *St John Passion*, opening chorus

‘Lord, our Lord, whose glory fills the whole earth,
show us by your passion that you, the true eternal Son of God,
triumph even in the deepest humiliation’

(Christ as Suffering Servant and Lord)

1. Sovereignty and Suffering in Jesus’ Arrest and Trial

- 18:1-11: ‘Who are you looking for?’
- 18:19-24: ‘If I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?’
- 18:15-18, 25-27: Peter’s betrayal
- 18:33-38: ‘My kingdom is not of this world’
- 19:1-12: Who passes judgment on whom?
- 19:13-16: ‘Shall I crucify your king?’

2. Sovereignty and Suffering Today

- Suffering today? Of course: it is everywhere!
- Or, to put it differently: idolatry (power, greed, sex, cult of the self)
- And what lies ahead of us this century?
- But do we still believe that God is sovereign?

Conclusion

Psalm 34:11-22