

## Scriptures – 11/21/2021

2 Samuel 23:1–7 (NIV)

**23** These are the last words of David:

“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,  
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,  
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,  
the hero of Israel’s songs:

<sup>2</sup> “The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me;  
his word was on my tongue.

<sup>3</sup> The God of Israel spoke,  
the Rock of Israel said to me:

‘When one rules over people in righteousness,  
when he rules in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup> he is like the light of morning at sunrise  
on a cloudless morning,  
like the brightness after rain  
that brings grass from the earth.’

<sup>5</sup> “If my house were not right with God,  
surely he would not have made with me an  
everlasting covenant,  
arranged and secured in every part;  
surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation  
and grant me my every desire.

<sup>6</sup> But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns,  
which are not gathered with the hand.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever touches thorns  
uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear;  
they are burned up where they lie.”

## **John 18:33 – 38a**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup>“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup>“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said,

“My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”<sup>37</sup>“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” Pilate asked.