



What are you worried about?

"My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36 ESV

I was recently talking with a church worker about her propensity to worry. Worrying can be an occupational hazard for teachers and administrators! *'Can we make up that deficit without cutting staff next year?' 'Do those new Board members have a personal agenda?' 'Will those parents in the parking lot calm down or rise up?'*

As we approach Holy Week I have been reflecting on what the disciples must have been worrying about as they watched The Christ be led to Calvary. *'But I thought he was going to restore the Kingdom?' 'Why is he staying silent...SAY something, Jesus!' 'Put my sword away??? But how are we going to stop them?'*

While Jesus stood before Pilate He was asked to tell of His intentions with the Jewish nation? But Christ quietly answered that His Kingdom was not of this world. While nobody fully understood His words, Christ was foreshadowing that He did not come to fulfill their earthly agendas or solve their current list of worries.

Christ came to solve that which is the ultimate problem or source of "worry." Our sin is washed away and our eternity is secured by the events that Christ would usher in through His death and resurrection. By faith you now have no worries!

As we continue to labor on this side of Heaven, may we keep our eyes on the eternal kingdom and rely on His Grace to replace our worries with His hope!

God's peace,

Mike

Discussion Questions-

1. Why are humans so inclined to worry?
2. When does worrying become a sin?
3. How can resolving our earthly worries in the hope of Christ be a witness to others?