

Matt. 27; Mark 15; Luke 22,23; John 18, 19

John 18; Luke 23: So they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor; it was early morning, and they did not enter the palace, so that they might not be defiled but might eat the Passover. Therefore Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation are you bringing against this person?" They answered him, "If he were not doing evil, we would not have given him over to you." Pilate said to them, "You take him, and judge him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "It is not permitted for us to kill anyone;" so that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled which he said signifying by what death he was about to die. So Pilate went back inside the palace and called Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "You say it. Is that your own idea, or did others talk to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It was Your people and Your chief priests who handed you over to me; what did you do?" Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world; if my Kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews; but now my kingdom is from another place." Pilate asked him, "So are you a king?" Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. I have been born for this and for this I have come into the world, so that I might testify to the truth; everyone who is of the truth listens to me." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" Having said this he went out again to the Jews, and he said to them, "I find no guilt in this person." But they insisted saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee even up to here." Pilate having heard the Jews, questioned if the man was Galilean, and discovering that he was under the authority of Herod, he sent him up to Herod, as he was also in Jerusalem during these days.

*(Luke 23 - Herod finds no cause for death, and sends Jesus back to Pilate.)*

Pilate called together the high priests and the rulers of the people said to them, "You brought me this person as one inciting the people to riot, and look, I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against Him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing has been done by him that is worthy of death; therefore I will punish Him and then release Him." Mark 15, Matt. 27: Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. They had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas, who had committed murder in a rebellion in the city and was thrown into prison with the rebels. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. Pilate answered them, "It is your custom that I should release one to you at the Passover; therefore will you choose that I may release to you Barabbas or Jesus the one called Christ, the king of the Jews?" For he knew that the high priests had given him over because of envy.

As he was sitting on the judicial bench, his wife sent to him saying, "Have nothing to do with that just person, for I suffered many things today in a dream because of him." But the high priests and the elders persuaded the crowds that they should request

Barabbas and execute Jesus. The governor answered them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" With one voice they cried out, "Release Barabbas to us." Pilate asked, "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" They shouted, "Crucify him!" Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe, and came to him and said, "Hail, king of the Jews;" and they struck Him in the face. Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him."

John 19: So Jesus came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. He said to them, "Here is the Man." So when the high priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify, crucify!" A third time Pilate said to them, "Why? What crime has this man committed? I found nothing deserving of death in him." Even more they shouted, "Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "You take him and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to the law he ought to die; for He claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this word, he was even more afraid; he went back into the palace and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus did not give him an answer. So Pilate said to him, "Aren't you speaking to me? Don't you know that I have authority to release you and I have authority to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You do not have any authority against me unless it has been given to you from above; for this reason the one who gave me over to you has a greater sin." From then on, Pilate tried to release him; but the Jews shouted, "If you release this one, you are not a friend of Caesar; everyone who makes oneself king speaks against Caesar." When Pilate heard this, He brought Jesus outside, and he sat on the judicial bench in a place called Stone Pavement. It was the preparation day of the Passover, about the sixth hour; he said to the Jews, "Here is your king." But they shouted, "Take him away; take him away; crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The high priests answered, "We have no king except Caesar." They insisted with loud voices, and their voices prevailed. Matt. 27: When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; it is your responsibility." All the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children." Pilate choosing to satisfy the crowd released to them Barabbas, who had been thrown into prison because of rebellion and murder, But he had Jesus flogged, and handed Him over to be crucified.

