



Lesson: Two hundred fifty five

Series: The Cross of Christ

Title: Jesus Before Pilate, Part 2

Text: Matthew 27:12-26

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A. Jews - Religious

1. Annas
2. Caiaphas
3. Sanhedrin

Matthew 27:1-2 Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death;

2 and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor.

B. Roman - Civil

1. Pilate
2. Herod
3. Pilate

Matthew 27:11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer.

13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" 14 And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Luke 23:5 But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee even as far as this place." 6 When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. 9 And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. 11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

3. What can we learn from our Lord's responses or lack of responses to His false accusers? Look up 1 Peter 2:23.

4. There is a principle called "mob mentality." Take some time to identify some of the characteristics of the Jewish crowds. How can we better understand what we see today?

ANSWERS: spotless

12 Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other.

13 Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. 15 "No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.

Matthew 27:15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted.

16 At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

"**barabbas**" - Luke 23:25; John 18:40

17 So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him."

20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death.

21 But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him!"

Luke 23:20–25 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, 21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!" 22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him."

23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail.

Matthew 27:23 And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!"

24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves."

"washed his hands"

25 And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!"

26 Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Implications

Why all the trials?

To prove that Jesus was the _____
Lamb of God.

Matthew 27:22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him!"

"what shall I do with Jesus"

Discussion Guide

1. Pilate is very similar to many of today's elite officials. What similarities do you see?
2. Consider your answers to question #1. How did God move through the sinful actions and motives to bring about His will.