

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Crucify, Crucify Him!"**  
**Luke 23:13-25**  
**Study-98**

**Pilate chose between justice and self-preservation, Religious chose between Jesus and religion, Crowd chose between Barabbas and Jesus; All people make a choice the moment the Savior approaches.**

**John 1:11-12; 1 Peter 2:4**

**Luke 23 The Death of Jesus Christ:  
Verses – 1-25 The Civil Trials**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trial before Pilate Verses 13-25 is recorded in Matthew 27:15-26;  
Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16**

**In all 3 trials Jesus never made a defense... Isaiah 53:7**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "Beware Of Pilate's Sin Of Smothering The Voice Of God Thus Wasting Our Opportunity To Know Jesus"

**We will look at 7 Actions and Counter Reactions:**

**1. Verses 13-17 Pilate's 1<sup>st</sup> Attempt To Release Jesus:**

**Luke 23:13 Pilate – Context** – The Sanhedrin had delivered Jesus to Pilate for execution, Pilate examined Jesus and found that he was not guilty: **Luke 23:4**

Pilate then sends Jesus to **Herod** who was ruler over Galilee where Jesus was from. Herod finding no guilt then sends Jesus back to Pilate.

**the rulers and the people**, this is the Sanhedrin which was the ruling party of the Jews.

**Luke 23:14 and said to them,**

**Pilate Reminds The Religious Of Jesus' Innocence: I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.** Pilate had already met with Jesus. **Luke 23:4 four times** Pilate attempts to set Jesus free **Verses 4, 14, 20, 22**

**Luke 23:15 Pilate Reminds The Religious That Herod Found Jesus Innocent: "No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us;  
Luke 23:11**

**and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.** We see that the religious leaders found no guilt, Herod, now Pilate. **Hebrews 4:15**

**Luke 23:16 I will punish Him and release Him."** *"I will chastise Jesus!"*

**Mark 15:4-5**

**Luke 23:17** Rome's way of keeping the Jews happy by releasing a political prisoner.

## **2. Verses 18-19 Religious Reject Jesus' Release:**

**Luke 23:18 But they cried out all together, saying, who is "they?"**  
Sanhedrin was the ruling party of the Jews, inciting the crowd of onlookers.  
Luke says the religious were the worse of the players

**Acts 2:23; 3:13; 4:10; 5:30**

**"Away with this man,** the rejection of Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 27:18 Envy** – *"Ill will towards a person because of superiority."*  
(This is a sin that is an attitude.) **Envy** – Latin *"To stare down into"*

**and release for us Barabbas!"** *"Son of the Father" or "Son of the Rabbi"*  
Some have translated his name, *"Jesus, son of the Father"*

**Matthew 27:20**

**The people wanted the "son of the father" but they failed by rejecting the true Father's "Son of God Jesus"**

**Luke 23:19 for an insurrection** He had caused civil unrest and a riot.  
*"Terrorist"*

**(Given a spiritual name)**

**John 18:40 Now Barabbas was a robber.**

**Why did the crowd choose Barabbas instead of Jesus?** Lawlessness instead of righteousness. Flesh versus the Spirit. Man instead of God.

**John 3:19-20**

**Guilty released and innocent condemned. God's Plan, "Guilty are forgiven and released while the innocent lamb of God takes their place."**

## **3. Verse 20 Pilate's 2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt To Release Jesus:**

**Luke 23:20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, Why is it that Pilate wanted to release Jesus?**

**Rome Prided Itself In Being Just And Fair:**

**Pilate's Wife Warned Him: Matthew 27:19**

**Pilate Was Beginning To Fear: John 19:7-11**

**Jesus declared he was a Son of God, Romans believed that gods visited them, (Pilate was missing out)**

**John 18:38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"**

#### **4. Verse 21 Religious Reject Jesus' Release:**

**Luke 23:21 "Crucify, crucify Him!"** *"Intensity of the crowd!"* This is the same crowd that just 5 days ago had blessed Him.

**General thought as to why the popularity of Jesus has changed and the people now want Him crucified.** Jesus was believed to be the Messiah, Jesus is not defending Himself, He is not fighting for His kingdom

**Luke 19:38 Crucifixion** – *"stake" stake with a cross beam* was never used on Roman citizens. It was considered one of the worse forms of execution. Not spoken about in public.

***The Person Was Naked On The Cross.***

***The Cross Was Laid On The Ground And The Person Was Nailed To The Cross.***

***Crucifixion Caused The Blood To Gather In The Abdomen Causing Great Pain.*** The person would have to push up the body to get air into the lungs.

***Crucifixion Caused Dehydrated.*** The cracking of the lips, swollen tongue, the body fevered.

#### **5. Verse 22 Pilate's 3<sup>rd</sup> Attempt To Release Jesus:**

**Luke 23:22 And he said to them the third time,** it was **three times** that Pilate declares Jesus' innocence.

**"Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death;** There is nothing here, there is no crime.

**therefore I will punish Him and release Him."** I will discipline Him; I will beat Him and hope that that will satisfy your envy.

## **6. Verse 23 Religious Reject Jesus' Release:**

**Luke 23:23 And their voices began to prevail.** People are so fickle. They can praise you then crucify you!

**The only way to find out the truth about Jesus is to read the claims ourselves.** We must decide for ourselves

## **7. Verses 24-25 Pilate Concedes:**

**Luke 23:24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted.**

Let the people have what they want.

**Matthew 27:24 he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude,**

**Luke 23:25** This is the gospel: Jesus died in our place. Every one of us is Barabbas! Jesus died as our substitute for our sins. He took our place.

**Hebrews 9:27-28**

**Mark 15:15 and after having Jesus scourged, scourged - to scourge was a brutal punishment. It was to satisfy the blood thirsty crowd. Forty stripes could kill a man**

**Jesus was silent He had nothing to confess! Isaiah 53:7, Isaiah 53:5 And by His scourging we are healed.**

**but he delivered Jesus to their will.**

## **Application:**

1. Jesus Died, Not Because He Was Guilty Of Any Offense, But Because Jesus Was The Sinless Son of God Who Willingly Took Upon Himself The Punishment For Sins Of The World So That We Could Receive Forgiveness.
2. The Rejection Of Jesus Always Means That There Has Been A Choice Made For Another. Another Is Always An Inferior Barabbas.
3. Pilate Delivered Jesus Over Simply For His Own Advantage; Pilate Was More Concerned About His Position And Reputation Than He Was Truth.