

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Rulers Take Counsel Together"**  
**Luke 23:1-12**  
**Study-97**

**Psalm 2:2-4**

**We come to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil Trials of Jesus Christ. The Jews had lost their authority for capital punishment so they must seek the death penalty for Jesus through the Roman government.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Trial before Pilate Verses 1-7** is recorded in **Matthew 27:2-14;**  
**Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-7; John 18:28-38**

**Luke** is the only Gospel to record the **2<sup>nd</sup> Trial before Herod Verses 8-12**

**Luke 23 The Death of Jesus Christ:**  
**Verses 1-25 The Civil Trials**  
**Verses 26-43 His Crucifixion**  
**Verses 44-56 Death and Burial**

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

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Rulers Of The World Stand In Judgment Of Christ But Are Actually Being Judged By Christ"

- 1. Verses 1-7 Pilate Before Jesus**
- 2. Verses 8-12 Herod Before Jesus**

**1. Verses 1-7 Pilate Before Jesus:**

**Luke 23:1** Then left off with Jesus in custody. He was brought before the former High Priest, then the High Priest. He then stood before the Sanhedrin. Peter denied the Lord 3 times.

**the whole body of them** this is the reference to the Sanhedrin. This was the ruling party of the Jews.

**What Jesus said was this: "Since you are going to kill Me you must kill Me knowing who I Am – the Messiah, Son of Man, Son of God!"**

**Pilate** His full name was "*Pontius Pilate*," He was governor of Judea. He took the position after a series of civil and military appointments. He was in the position from (AD. 26-36). His residency was in Caesarea.

Pilate was known as a "**Heavy-Handed Ruler**" known to use force to accomplish his purposes. **Luke 13:1-3** mingled the blood of a sacrifice with Gentiles.

1. He Insulted the Jews.
2. He Raided The Temple Treasury.
3. He Provoked The Jews With An Idol.

**and brought Him before Pilate.** Why did the Jews bring Jesus before Pilate?

**Rome had taken the authority away from the Jews of capital punishment.** It was referred to by Israel "The Day God Died."

**Parallel Passage - John 18:29-31**

**Jesus was the light, (truth) Jesus had exposed their sin, called them out as hypocrites, their response was to get rid of Jesus! Remove Him from their face!**

**Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse Him,** Change the charges from religious to civil.

**saying,** Bringing three false charges against Jesus.

**#1 "We found this man (What's his face!) misleading our nation – Opinion** Jesus is bringing down the government, creating an uprising which was nationwide. **Acts 10:38**

**#2 and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, a bold face lie! Luke 20:25 render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."**

**#3 and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." The term Christ – "Messiah, anointed One, Messianic King" **Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday, Luke 19:38****

**Parallel Passage - John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world."**

**Luke 23:3 So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"** He does not take their word he asks for himself. This is the only charge he questions.

**And He answered him and said, "It is as you say." Or "You say it" or "It is you who say this" "The statement is yours Pilate"** What a clear answer Jesus gives.

**Luke 23:4 "I find no guilt in this man." Five times Pilate says so.** Pilate could see by the demeanor and His words that Jesus was no threat (case was closed)

**Luke 23:5 But they kept on insisting, Saying, "To Refuse to Take No For An Answer!" Mark 15:10**

**"He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee, even as far as this place."** Their argument is, this is not a religious issue but political

**Luke 23:6-7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction,** this is politics at its best. (Pass The Buck!)

**he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.** Herod would visit Jerusalem during the Passover because it was a major feast of the Jews.

## **2. Verses 8-12 Herod Before Jesus:**

**Luke 23:8 Now Herod - "Herod Antipas" who is called "King Herod" it is more out of honor than anything else. He was a "Tetrarch" that means that he ruled portion of a kingdom of his father Herod the Great. He was half Jew. (Ruled Galilee & Perea from 4 BC - AD 39)**

This man was a ruthless King was said, **"It was safer to be a sow than a son!"**

**Luke 13:31-32 "Go and tell that fox, Fox** – synonym for "sly," in Jesus' day a rabbinical term meant "*worthless*" a king of no value.

**John's Message of Repentance Troubled Herod: Mark 6:17-28 (Luke 3:19-20)**

**Mark 6:17 on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.** Herod went to Rome to visit his brother Philip and took his sister in-law which was really his (Niece) Herodias. He divorced his own wife and returned home.

**Mark 6:18 "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."** This is something that is lacking in the Church today. **(Leviticus 18:6, 16)**

**Mark 6:19 Herodias** - Just plain rejected the message because of her sin and her love of it. Would not listen or desire to be around the teaching of the word.

**Mark 6:20**

**Herod's Conscience Is Stirred By John's Holy Life: Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe.** (Loved cruelty and was religious at the same time.)

**And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him.** There is something about holiness. It is like a breath of fresh air.

**Mark 6:21-28 The Conscience Violated: Mark 6:21 Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee;** The alcohol would flow until all were intoxicated, led to further debauchery.

**Mark 6:22 and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod.** Herodias knew what a reprobate that Herod was.

**Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you."** Influence of alcohol.

**Mark 6:23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you;**

**Mark 6:24, 1 Kings** do a study to parallel these two women, that were wicked

**The power of influence that a wife and mother have for good or evil.**

**Mark 6:25** It was **Herodias'** Idea to place his head on the platter. (Like mother, like daughter)

**Mark 6:26 very sorry** – same word used when Jesus was "*distressed*" in the garden of Gethsemane. Herod is really bothered by what is before him.

**he was unwilling to refuse her.** This was the decisive moment.

**Mark 6:27-28; Luke 9:7-9 "I myself had John beheaded;** Literally "*I am the one - I did it!*" (*Kept saying it over and over again*) This is a confession of a guilty heart.

**Luke 23:8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; "Praise God Herod is open to the Lord!"**

**for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him** We think "**the message of Jesus making Herod think!**"

**and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. "Show Time!"** Herod wants to be entertained by Jesus.

**Luke 23:9 And he questioned Him at some length;** translated that he studied him, he *"Piled Jesus high with questions"* Herod gave a lengthy interrogation.

**but He answered him nothing. Isaiah 53:7**

**Why would Jesus not answer or respond to Herod?** Herod's opportunity has passed. He rejected John's message and even executed him! **Matthew 7:6**

**Luke 23:10 accusing Him vehemently.** *"Forcefully, and powerfully"*

**Luke 23:11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him,** Herod made a joke of God. God was something to play with, no fear of the Son of God! **Psalms 69:4**

**dressed Him in a gorgeous robe** *"bright and shining, radiant"* Others purple, scarlet. Son of God, King of Kings.

**and sent Him back to Pilate.** The passing of the buck.

**Luke 23:12** A friendship based off mutual rejection of Jesus Christ!

### **Application:**

1. Warning To Unbelievers Who Presently Enjoy Listening To The Word Of God. You Need To Act Now Upon The Invitation Of Salvation By Faith In Jesus. If You Continue To Fail To Obey You Are Inviting A Fog That In Time Will Shut Out The Light, And Result In The Silence Of Jesus.
2. A Believers Conscience Cannot Die, But It Can Become Weakened. To Not Keep A Good Conscience Is To Invite A Shipwreck. Don't Go Against Your Conscience And God's Word.