

“Pilate Before Jesus”
Matthew 27:11-26
Wednesday April 12, 2017 Passion Week

Peer Pressure – “is the influence you feel from a person or group of people to do something you might not otherwise consider doing.”

Pilate Wanted To Release Jesus But Pilate Feared The People:
Matthew 27:24.

Proverbs 29:25

The Multitudes Being Pressured By The Religious Leaders, Who Want To Murder Jesus: Matthew 27:20.

The Crowd: Matthew 27:23

Paul, writing to Timothy, a young Minister, charges Him with being faithful and not compromise with man or God’s message:
1 Timothy 6:13-14.

Thought Of The Passage: “What Will We Do With Jesus, The King Of The Jews?”

- 1. Verse 11 – Pilate Before Jesus**
- 2. Verses 12-14 – The Silence Of Jesus**
- 3. Verses 15-26 – Wicked Chosen Over Jesus**

1. Verse 11 – Pilate Before Jesus:

Matthew 27:11

“Now” – Matthew left off with the last of the Religious (Ecclesiastical) trials of Jesus. Jesus stood before the Sanhedrin. Matthew 27:1-2

It’s important to keep in mind that Jesus actually endured Six Different Trials:

1st Trial – Jesus Before Annas: John 18:12-24.

2nd Trial – Jesus Before Caiaphas: Matthew 26:57.

3rd Trial – Jesus Before The Sanhedrin: The decision to murder the Messiah is formalized in Matthew 27:1.

4th Trial – Jesus Presented To Pilate: This is recorded by all Four Gospels – Matthew 27:11-31; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-40.

5th Trial – Jesus Before Herod: Recorded Exclusively in Luke 23:6-12.

6th Trial – Jesus Sentenced To Death By Pilate: Matthew 27:26-31.

Pilate the Governor – His full name was “Pontius Pilate”. He was governor of Judea. He took the position after a series of civil and military appointments. (AD. 26-36) His residency was in Caesarea.

“And Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you say.’” – This is clear as to whom Jesus is.

John 18:37

Pilate had already met with Jesus. Luke 23:4

Luke 23:13-15

John 18:38 – “Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’”

Hebrew 4:15

2. Verses 12-14 – The Silence Of Jesus:

Matthew 27:12

Matthew 26:59-60

He made no answer. There was the silence of Jesus to these false accusations. Isaiah 53:7

Matthew 27:13-14

“so that the governor was quite amazed.” – This word means “to marvel”.

Jesus’ Silence Before Herod: Luke 23:9.

The Penalty For Despising God’s Word Is A Silent Christ. “Deaf Ears Make A Silent Christ!”

3. Verses 15-26 – Wicked Chosen Over Jesus:

Matthew 27:15

Political Amnesty

Matthew 27:16

“Barabbas” – “son of the father” or “son of the rabbi.” Some have translated his name, “Jesus son of the Father.” Good Training does not Guarantee Good Living!

Certain insurrection, he had caused local civil disobedience, unrest and a riot. This man was a “Terrorist”

“a notorious prisoner” – Luke 23:19 – “for murder”; John 18:40 – “Now Barabbas was a robber.”

Matthew 27:17-18

“Envy” – root word means “to shrivel or wither, to spoil (by process) to waste, defile, destroy.”

Matthew 27:19

Pilate’s Wife – Claudia Procula, Granddaughter of Emperor Augustus.

John 19:7-8

Matthew 27:20-21

Why Would The Crowd Choose Barabbas Over Jesus? Lawlessness is chosen over righteousness. Flesh versus the spirit.

John 3:19-20

Matthew 27:22

Pilate’s Question is also ours this evening: “what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

Matthew 27:23 – “Why, what evil has He done?” – There is no answer given.

“Let Him be crucified!” – This is the same crowd that had said on Sunday “Hosanna to the Son of David.”

Matthew 27:24

Note What Judas Had Said to The Religious Leaders: Matthew 27:4

You can't wash your hands of Jesus, because Jesus comes to each one, and each one must decide what they will do with Him!

Matthew 27:25

Israel's solemn vow – "His blood be on us and on our children!" In 70 AD, General Titus of Rome was going to place a siege on Jerusalem.

Matthew 27:26

We call this "Substitutionary Death", that the Sinless Savior took the Wrath for the Guilty Sinner. Result was that Barabbas was set free! The righteous for the unrighteous, the innocent for the guilty!

Guilty are forgiven and released while the innocent Lamb of God takes their place.

Jesus was silent, He had nothing to confess! Isaiah 53:7

Isaiah 53:5

Application:

1. Jesus Suffered And Died Not Because He Was Guilty Of Any Offense, But Because He Was The Substitute For The Sins Of The World.
2. Jesus Was Silent Before Pilate And Herod. The Penalty For Despising God's Word Is A Silent Christ. Deaf Ears Make A Silent Christ.
3. God's Great Plan Is For The Guilty To Be Forgiven And Released While The Innocent Lamb Of God Takes Their Place.