

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Rushing To Judgment"
John 18:39-19:16
Part-64

Jesus Endured 6 Different Trials: 3 Trials were Ecclesiastical, (Charging Jesus with Blasphemy); 3 Trials were Civil (Charging Jesus With Treason).

The Thought Of Our Passage: If We Reject The Light That God Has Given, We Will Walk In The Darkness We Have Chosen.

1. John 18:39-40 – Substitution

2. John 19:1-6 – Innocence

3. John 19:7-16 – Injustice

1. John 18:39-40 – Substitution:

John 18:39 – "But you have a custom" – We left off with Jesus' trial before Pilate, John 18:38 – 4th: Jesus Presented To Pilate; John 18:28-38 – Jesus Confronted Pilate With The Real Issue Of Life, One's Attitude Towards Truth.

In between John 18:38 and John 18:39, Jesus has His 5th Trial – Jesus' Hearing Before Herod: Luke 23:8-12.

6th: Jesus Sentenced To Death By Pilate, John 18:39-19:16.

Luke 23:14-16

"But you have a custom, that I release someone for you at the Passover;" – Mark 15:8; Passover commemorates Israel's deliverance from bondage (Minimize trouble rather than secure justice).

"do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?" – Pilate is suggesting a pardon for the man whom he just declared innocent! Matthew 27:17; Mark 15:11.

John 18:40 – "Barabbas." – "Son of the Father" or "Son of the Rabbi." He was chosen over the True Son of the Father! Mark 15:7; Luke 23:19; Matthew 27:16 – Notorious prisoner.

"Now Barabbas was a robber." – Murderer, Insurrectionist, Pirate.

Why would the crowd choose Barabbas over Jesus? Man always chooses Lawlessness over Righteousness.

"The Doctrine Of Substitution" – The gospel portrayed through this man Barabbas.

Pilate attempted 5 times to release Jesus. But to no avail!

1. Pilate declares Him innocent – John 18:38
2. Pilate sought His release – John 18:39
3. Pilate tried to use scourging to satisfy them – John 19:1
4. Pilate appealed to the crowd – John 19:12
5. Pilate tried sarcasm – John 19:15

2. John 19:1-6 – Innocence:

John 19:1 – "Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him." – Standard procedure for a person about to be executed; Women, Roman Citizens exempt. Jewish Law limited to 39 strokes.

Scourging: "scourged Him." – Luke 23:16 – "Therefore I will punish Him"

Isaiah 53:5

John 19:2

Crown of Thorns: "twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head," – "Victors crown;" It was placed on the head after victory was accomplished. – "of thorns, they put it on Him;"

The thorns were a result of the curse, Genesis 3:17-18.

"and put a purple robe on Him;" – This purple speaks of royalty, Luke 23:9-11; Herod's robe?

John 19:3 – "'Hail, King of the Jews!' and to give Him slaps in the face." – Implies repetition in slapping!

750 years before this event, Isaiah foretold: Isaiah 50:6.

1 Peter 2:21-24

John 19:4

Verses 4-6 – Rejection Of The Son Of Man: "Pilate came out again, and said to them, 'Behold, I am bringing Him out to you,'"

N.L.T. Isaiah 52:14 – "Many were amazed when they saw him--beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know he was a person."

"so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." – Pilate said this a total of 7X's; No criminal basis for further legal action, Matthew 27:18.

John 19:5 – "Pilate said to them, 'Behold, the Man!'" This phrase in classical Greek "the poor man" or "poor creature." He was the perfect God-Man, Isaiah 52:14.

John 19:6 – "I find no guilt in Him." – The 3rd time that Pilate declares His innocence.

3. John 19:7-16 – Injustice:

John 19:7 – "We have a law, and by that law" – Leviticus 24:16.

Verses 7-12 – Rejection Of The Son of God: "He made Himself out to be the Son of God." – John 1:49.

John 5:18; John 20:31

John 19:8

Matthew 27:19

John 19:9

"Where are You from?' (Origin) But Jesus gave him no answer." – Mark 15:5; Luke 23:9; Isaiah 53:7.

I praise God for Jesus' silence. If He had spoken to justify Himself, He could not have justified me!

The penalty for despising His Word is a silent Christ. "Deaf Ears Make a Silent Christ!" Jesus had already answered Pilate, John 18:36-37.

John 19:10 – "You do not speak to me?" – Jesus was not attempting to save Himself, John 17:1.

John 19:11 – "for this reason he who delivered Me up to you has the greater sin." – This is referring to the Jewish authorities, N.L.T. Luke 12:48.

John 19:12 – "but" – When a person wants to walk in the will of God there is always "BUT"

Luke 23:23-24

Verses 13-15 – Rejection Of The Son Of David: John 19:13.

"Gabbatha" (Aramaic) – term for the Roman tribunal; A place of judgment, seat.

John 19:14 – Zechariah 9:9

"day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour." – It was about 6:00, which could be between 6:00-9:00AM; loose figure.

"And he said to the Jews, 'Behold, your King!'" – Messiah, the King, 2 Samuel 7.

John 19:15 – "Shall I crucify your King?" – Promised King through King David's descendants.

"We have no king but Caesar." – Rebellion against God brings slavery, Matthew 27:24-25.

John 19:16 – Pilate washes his hands, Matthew 27:24.

"handed Him over to them" – Pilate surrendered his will to the Jews.

"Crucify" – To crucify was not the normal execution.

Application:

1. Pilate Attempted To Find A Middle Way, But Jesus Made It Clear There Is His Kingdom Or The World.
2. In God's Great Plan Of Salvation, The Guilty Are Forgiven And Released, While The Innocent Lamb Of God Takes Their Place.
3. May God Give Us A Growing Hatred Of Sins That Caused Him To Be Wounded And Bruised For Us.
4. If We Reject The Light That God Has Given, We Will Walk In The Darkness We Have Chosen.