

Series "The God Who Serves"
"What Shall I Do With Jesus?"
"Mark 15:1-15
Study-63

Pilate Wanted To Release Jesus, But Pilate Feared The Religious Leaders: Matt 27:24

The Multitudes Being Pressured By The Religious Leaders: Mark 15:11

The Crowd: Mark 15:13 – "Crucify Him!"

Paul Writing To Timothy, A Young Minister, Charges Him With Being Faithful And Not To Compromise With Man, Not Shrinking Back On The Message Of God, 1 Tim 6:13-14.

**This passage is recorded in all 4 Gospels: Matt. 27:11-26;
Mark 15:1–15; Luke 23:1-7, 13-25; John 18:28-19:16**

The Thought Of Our Passage: "When The Human Heart Is Not Yielded Or Subjected To God, The Judgment Will Always Be Wrong."

- 1. Verses 1-5 – His Silence**
- 2. Verses 6-14 – His Substitution**
- 3. Verse 15 – His Scars**

1. Verses 1-5 – His Silence:

Mark 15:1

"And early in the morning" – This takes us back to Mark 14:53, when Jesus had been taken into custody by the temple guards.

3rd Trial – The Sanhedrin Sentences The Savior to Death: "chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole Council,"

"consultation" – "to make a resolution, sentence."

"and binding Jesus, they led Him away," – Literally "They tied Him up."

Religious don't want Pilate as a judge. They want Pilate merely as an executioner.

Pilate – His full name was "Pontius Pilate"; He was governor of Judea, Samaria.

Pilate took the position after a series of civil and military appointments. He was in the position from A.D. 26-36. His residency was in Caesarea.

Agrippa I, to the emperor he wrote of Pilate, "He is Inflexible, merciless, and obstinate."

Mark 15:2

"And Pilate questioned Him, 'Are You the King of the Jews?'" – The word "King" is used 6X in this chapter.

"It is as you say." – Literally, "you said it!" or "It is you who say that I am."

John 18:33-37

1 John 5:6

Mark 15:3 – "accuse Him harshly." Literally "kept on accusing Him."

Luke 23:2 – "And they began to accuse Him, saying, 'We found this man (1) misleading our nation and (2) forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that (3) He Himself is Christ, a King.'"

1 Cor. 2:8

Hebrews 12:3

Mark 15:4

Jesus came to confess who He was, not to defend Himself!

Mark 15:5

The Majesty Of Jesus: "But Jesus made no further answer;" – Is. 53:7

1 Peter 2:21-23

The Cross Strips Off All Pretenses. There was nothing within Jesus that was trying to save Himself.

Matt. 5:3-4

Trial #5, Jesus' Hearing Before Herod: Luke 23:6–12 (Second Civil Trial).

2. Verses 6-14 – His Substitution:

Trial #6, Jesus Sentenced To Death By Pilate: (3rd & Final Civil Trial).

Pilate decided that rather than announcing an acquittal, he would give the people a choice.

Mark 15:6-7

Bar-abba – “son of the father or son of the rabbi.”

Luke 23:19 – “a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder.”

“insurrectionists” – “a rebel, or a revolutionist.”

Mark 15:8-10

The Malice Of The Religious Leaders: “because of envy” – “A desire for something that someone else has.” “You are covetous of it if you cannot have it yourself; you do not want the other person to have it either.”

Matthew 27:19

John 19:10-12

Mark 15:11

**Why Would The Crowd Choose Barabbas Over Jesus?
Lawlessness is chosen over righteousness.**

John 3:19-20

Mark 15:12-13

Luke 23:18

We call this “Substitutionary Death”. The Sinless Savior took the Wrath for the Guilty Sinner. Result was that Barabbas was set free!

Crucifixion – was not the norm for execution. The Jews stoned people. The Romans usually decapitated people. Crucifixion was reserved for extreme cases.

Mark 15:14

3. Verse 15 – His Scars:

Mark 15:15

The Cowardice Of Pilate: "And wishing to satisfy the multitude,"

Pilate As A Roman Had Professional Regard For Justice, But No Personal Regard For Truth.

"and after having Jesus scourged," – Why Did Pilate Scourge Jesus Before Crucifixion? (John 19:1–7)

"scourged" – This was a leather whip that had multiple strands. The whip, sometimes called a "cat of nine tails"; at the tips were pieces of bone and lead.

Isa. 53:5

"he delivered Him to be crucified." – Identify Jesus with the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53:6, 12.

Application: We Cannot Evade Jesus: Matthew 12:30

1. Pilate Carefully Questioned Jesus And Even Trembled At His Answers. The Truth Of The Word Did Not Make A Difference In His Decisions.
2. Pilate Wanted Position Over Truth: Pilate Was More Concerned About Reputation Than He Was About Character.
3. Pilate Openly Said That Jesus Was Innocent. Yet Pilate Permitted Jesus To Be Beaten And Condemned To Death.