

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life

Pilate And The Roman Trial
Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-38

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The Council And The Day Trial Matthew 27:1-2; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-71

After Daybreak Friday Morning ...

Luke 22:66, "As soon as it was day."

The whole council met in formal session. Jesus was led into their midst and the trial began anew, but this time no false witnesses were produced.

"Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate." Mark 15:1 NKJV

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Luke 22:66, "As soon as it was day."

Luke 22:67-23:1, "If thou art the Christ, tell us. (cf. John 10:22-25; 18:19-21)

- "But he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I ask (you), ye will not answer. But from henceforth shall the Son of man be seated at the right hand of the power of God.
- "And they all said, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.
- "And they said, What further need have we of witness? for we ourselves have heard from his own mouth. And the whole company of them rose up, and brought him before Pilate." ASV

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- Jesus was up all night, endured physical abuse – bound, slapped, spit upon, struck with the fist while blindfolded, mocked and beaten.
- When questioned by Annas, Jesus told him to question those who had heard the things He had spoken.
- Before the Sanhedrin, Jesus had nothing to say in His own defense.
 - When "adjured," He confessed his deity

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- Later when taken to Pilate, Jesus spoke to him privately, but not a word before the rulers and chief priest.
- **Isaiah 53:7**, "He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth." ASV

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Pontius Pilate –

- Appointed the fifth governor of the Roman province of Judaea, Samaria, and Idumea serving under Emperor Tiberius from 26/27 to 36/37 AD.
- **Offensive to the Jews:**
 - He hung worship images of the emperor throughout Jerusalem and had coins bearing pagan religious symbols minted.
 - Soldiers carried standards bearing the likeness of the emperor into Jerusalem.

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- He took money from the temple treasury to build an aqueduct to Jerusalem.
- He put golden shields inscribed with portraits of the emperor in Herod's palace.
- He mingled the blood of some Galileans with their sacrifices. Luke 13:1

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- King Herod Agrippa I charged Pilate with “corruptibility, violence, robberies, ill-treatment of the people, grievances, continuous executions without even the form of a trial, endless and intolerable cruelties” (Jack Finegan, *Light From The Ancient Past*, page 257).
- He slaughtered and imprisoned many of the Samaritans gathered at Mount. Gerizim to search for artifacts (36 AD). The Samaritans reported Pilate to Vitellius, legate of Syria, after the attack. He was then ordered back to Rome to stand trial for cruelty and oppression. Pilate was replaced in 36 AD and returned to Rome. He was eventually exiled from Italy and died in 38 AD.
- According to *Eusebius of Caesarea's Ecclesiastical History*, Pilate killed himself on orders from the emperor Caligula.

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- Jesus brought to the Praetorium before Pilate. Went out to the crowd to learn the charges. John 18:29-30
- Death sentence demanded. John 18:31-32; cf. John 12:32-33
- The Sanhedrin's charges against Jesus.
 - Blasphemy against God. Matthew 26:65; cf. Leviticus 24:16
 - Perverting our nation.
 - Forbidding to give tribute to Caesar. cf. Matthew 22:17 } Luke 23:2
- Saying He is the Christ, a **King**. cf. John 18:33

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Pilate And The Roman Trial**Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-38****Pontius Pilate – Initial Examination***Are you a king?*

John 18:35-38, *“Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find no crime in him.”* (cf. Matthew 27:12-14)

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Nature Of The Kingdom.

- Daniel 2:44-45 says the kingdom would be made without hands, signifying that **the kingdom would be spiritual in nature.** cf. Hebrews 12:28
- Jesus disclaimed any pretensions to an earthly kingdom when he said to Pilate, **“my kingdom is not of this world.”** John 18:36-37; cf. John 6:15; Romans 14:17; Luke 17:20-21

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- **One of the sons of Herod the Great. Matthew 2:1-16**
 - Wise men came from the East to worship the Christ child.
 - Stopped at the palace of Herod the Great in Jerusalem.
 - Scribes determined that the child would be born in Bethlehem of Judea (Micah 5:2)
 - Warned to go home because Herod planned to harm the child.
 - Herod the Great so furious he ordered all babies of Bethlehem slain up to two years old. Matthew 2:16

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