

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life

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Pontius Pilate –

- ▶ Appointed Roman procurator of Judea, Samaria, and Idumea in AD 26.
- ▶ Offensive to the Jews:
 - Soldiers carried standards bearing the likeness of the emperor into Jerusalem.
 - 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
 - He slaughtered and imprisoned many of the Samaritans gathered at Mt. Gerizim to search for artifacts.

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Pontius Pilate –

- ▶ 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).
- ▶ Pilate was replaced in AD 36 and returned to Rome. He was eventually exiled from Italy and died in AD 38.

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Pontius Pilate – Initial Examination

- ▶ 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.
 - Saying He is the Christ, **a King**.
- } Luke 23:2
- cf. John 18:33 Pilate said to him, “Art thou the King of the Jews?”

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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.
- ▶ 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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Herod Antipas – Tetrarch (governor) of Galilee

- ▶ One of the sons of Herod the Great.
- ▶ Had imprisoned and executed John the Baptist.
- ▶ In Jerusalem for the Passover feast, to please the Jews.
- ▶ Only Luke records this. Luke 23:6-12
 - Herod a curiosity seeker.
 - Mocked Jesus and arrayed him in gorgeous apparel.
 - Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate; became friends that day.

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Pilate's Judgment Of Acquittal. Luke 23:4, 14-15; John 18:38

- ▶ Refused to pass judgment on a matter of Jewish law.
- ▶ Found the charge of treason false.

Luke 23:16, "I will therefore chastise him, and release him."

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Pilate's final judgment.

- ▶ **Barabbas** –
John 18:40, "a robber"
Mark 15:7, insurrectionist, murderer
Matthew 27:16, "a notable prisoner"
- ▶ **Pilate's wife** –
Matthew 27:19, "And while he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

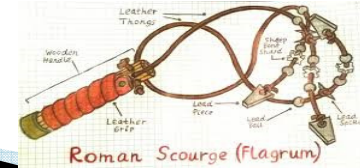
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Pilate's final judgment.

- ▶ The Scourging. John 19:1-6
 - Jews used rods. (limited to 40 stripes, Deuteronomy 25:1-3; cf. 2 Corinthians 11:24-25)
 - Romans used a multiple thong whip, administered by two soldiers, number was not limited.



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Pilate's final judgment.

- ▶ *Matthew 27:24, "So when Pilate saw that he prevailed nothing, but rather that a tumult was arising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; see ye (to it)."*

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Conclusion:

Pilate tried every method to release Jesus, but one! Three times declared Him innocent. (Luke 23:4, 14,22; John 18:38; 19:4,6)

- ▶ Sent Jesus to Herod.
- ▶ Offered the release of a prisoner.
- ▶ Had Jesus scourged.
- ▶ Washed his hands.
- ▶ *"Wishing to content the multitude" (Mark 15:15; cf. Luke 23:25) "And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will."*
- ▶ **"see ye (to it)." Matthew 27:24**

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."