



Sermon: "Pilate on Trial before Jesus"

Scripture: John 18:28-40

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The Trial Setting:

Judas' Betrayal: (John 18:1-11)

Peter's Denials: (John 18:15-18; 25-27)

Jesus' Trials:

Trial 1: Annas (John 18:20-21)

Trial 2: Caiaphas (John 18:24; Mark 14:53-63)

Trial 2: The Council* (Sanhedrin) (Luke 22:66-71)

Trial 3: Pilate – Part 1**(Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-40)

Trial 4: Herod* (Luke 23:5-11)

Trial 5: Pilate – Part 2** (Luke 23:12; Matthew 27:19-27; John 18:28-40)

**John does not include these portions. **John combines these into one narrative.*

The Trial:

1. The Jews' Hypocrisy Revealed **Selfish** Motives and Fulfilled Jesus' Word. (v. 28-32)

- The Jewish leaders remained ceremonially **clean** that they might **feast**, yet handed over an innocent victim that he might die.
- The Jews partook of the Passover lamb, celebrating the redemption of Israel, while rejecting the true Passover lamb, thereby rejecting the **Redeemer** himself.

Scripture: Acts 2:22-23; 36;

- Jesus' transfer from the Jewish leaders to Pilate led to **prophecy** fulfilled.

Scripture: John 3:14; 12:32-33

2. Pilate's Questions Revealed both his **Blind** Heart and Christ's Purpose. (v. 33-38)

Scripture: Luke 23:2

- Jesus did NOT deny that He is a king. Jesus simply refused to allow Pilate and the Jews to define the **nature** of His Kingdom.
- Jesus came to build a **kingdom**, but not made by man's hands, but built by the Word of God and the Spirit of God!
- Pilate opted for the **world** over Christ.

3. Pilate's Judgement Condemned the **Innocent** in the Place of the Guilty. (v. 38b-40)

- Pilate sentenced the innocent to die that the **guilty** might live.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:2; Romans 5:17-19; Philippians 3:8-9

- Pilate loved this present world, and in doing so, he **rejected Christ**.

Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17; Hebrews 3:13

Conclusion:

- **To be saved:** Turn from trusting the deceitful promises of the world. Trust only in Jesus Christ.
 - **To be sanctified:** Daily reject what the world promises and believe and act upon what God says about life, eternity and salvation. (Hebrews 11:6)
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Questions to Consider:

1. Why would the Jews not enter the Praetorium? Why was this ironic?
2. Why was a trial before Pilate necessary to fulfill Scripture? Does this release the Jews of their liability for their actions? Why or why not?
3. In what ways do the kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world differ?
4. What did Jesus affirm in verses 36-37? How did He try to reshape Pilate's thinking about the kingdom of God?
5. Why did Pilate condemn an innocent man to die? What did this reveal about Pilate?
6. In what ways do we choose the kingdom of this world over the kingdom of God? Why is this such a battle for us?