

Reading: The Roman Trial

Fourth Trial

Immediately, early in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, and the whole multitude of them led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and delivered *Him* to Pilate. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. [Mark 15:1; Matt 27:2; Luke 23:1; John 18:28]

John 18:29 Pilate then went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man?”

John 18:30 ¶ They answered and said to him, “If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you.”

Luke 23:2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”

John 18:31 ¶ Then Pilate said to them, “You take Him and judge Him according to your law.” ¶ Therefore the Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,”

John 18:32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

John 18:33 ¶ Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again.

Matt. 27:11 And Pilate, the governor asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

Matt. 27:12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

Matt. 27:13 ¶ Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, “Do You answer nothing? Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?”

Matt. 27:14 But He answered him not one word, so that Pilate, the governor marveled greatly.

John 18:34 ¶ Jesus answered him, “Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?”

John 18:35 ¶ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?”

John 18:36 ¶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”

John 18:37 ¶ Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” ¶ Jesus answered, “You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

John 18:38 ¶ Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in **in this Man** Him at all.

Luke 23:5 ¶ But they were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.”

Luke 23:6 ¶ When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean.

Luke 23:7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

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Luke 23:8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long *time* to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

Luke 23:9 Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.

Luke 23:11 Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked *Him*, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

Luke 23:12 That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.