

**OUR LORD JESUS WAS CONDEMNED TO GO TO THE CROSS TO DIE FOR OUR SINS**

**John 18:22-40**

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“<sup>22</sup>When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.” v22

**1. Who struck Jesus with the palm of his hand?**

- One of the official nearby Him.

“<sup>23</sup>If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” v23

**2. In verse 23, why did Jesus ask why he hit Him?**

- Jesus was asked for a fair trial.

“<sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.” v24

**3. Who had Annas sent Jesus to?**

- Caiaphas.

**4. What office did Caiaphas hold?**

- He was the high priest

**Peter’s Second and Third Denials**

“<sup>25</sup>Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So, they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.” v25

**5. What was Peter doing when they asked him if he was Jesus' disciple?**

- He was standing there warning himself.

**6. What was Peter's reply?**

- He denied it, saying, “I am not.”

<sup>26</sup>One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.” Vs 26-27

**7. Who was the third person who recognized Peter and asked him if he was Jesus' disciple?**

- One of the high priest’s servants.

**8. When Peter denied the third time, what happened?**

- The rooster began to crow.

**Application:**

- Had you denied the Lord Jesus as Peter did?

“<sup>28</sup> Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.” v 28

**9. Where was Jesus taken after Caiaphas?**

- He was taken to the Palace of the Roman Governor.

**10. Why did the high priest not go into the judgment hall?**

- Because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

“<sup>29</sup> So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?” v29

**11. Who was the Roman in charge?**

- Pilate

**12. When Pilate came out to them, what did he ask them?**

- He asked them, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

<sup>30</sup> If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.” v30

**13. What evasive answer did they give Pilate?**

- “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

“<sup>31</sup> Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” “But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected.” v31

**14. When Pilate told them to judge Him themselves, what did they reply?**

- They told him, “We have no right to execute anyone.”

**15. Why do they want Jesus killed?**

- Because their evil plan. Their law prohibits them from killing Him, and they have brought Him to Pilate to do their dirty work for them. They do not want to take the blame of killing Jesus.

“<sup>32</sup> This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.” v32

**16. In verse 32, it speaks of fulfilling Scripture. In what way, does it fulfill?**

- it was to fulfill what Jesus said, “about the kind of death he was going to die.”

**Application:**

- Were you accused by any one for doing good?

“<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” v 33

**17. What question did Pilate ask Jesus in verse 33?**

- He asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup>“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” v34

**18. Who had warned Pilate not to have anything to do with killing Jesus?**

- Pilate's wife had warned him of a dream she had about Jesus. She told Pilate to have nothing to do with this.

<sup>35</sup>“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” v35

**19. Who is on the defensive, Pilate or Jesus?**

- Pilate. Again, Jesus demanded witnesses. Jesus speaks to the conscience of Pilate. We see here, that Pilate is on the defensive, not Jesus. He says to Pilate in a sense, are you going to condemn me on hearsay?

**20. What question did Pilate ask Jesus?**

- He asked Jesus, “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” v36

**21. Jesus said, where is His Kingdom?**

- He said, “His kingdom is not of this world, now His Kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup>You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” v37

**22. When Pilate asked Jesus if He was a king, how did Jesus answer?**

- Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

<sup>38</sup>“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.” V38

**23. After Pilate talked with Jesus, what did he say to the people?**

- He said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

**a. What is the truth to Pilate?**

- To Pilate: armies, soldiers, power, Rome, politics, etc.

**b. What is the truth to Jesus?**

- To Jesus: God’s plan for mankind. Jesus’ role in offering salvation.

**c. What is the truth to the world?**

- Today there is a generation of adults who have been raised to believe that there is no absolute truth. They have been taught that what’s true for you isn’t necessarily true for them. They have been taught that there are many truths, and that you simply need to pick which one you believe is truth, and then it’s true for you.

**Application:**

- a. What is the truth in your life?
- b. How does it affect the way you live?
- c. What you would die for?

“<sup>39</sup> But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews?’” v40

**24. What did Pilate offer to the Jews people to fulfill the Jewish custom at Passover?**

- It is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release the king of the Jews?

“<sup>40</sup> They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.” v40

**25. Whom did the people choose over Jesus?**

- They chose Barabbas over Jesus.