

## Jesus on Trial - John 18:19-19:16

- The Jewish leadership stand with Jesus before Pilate
  - What's the accusation?
    - Jesus is an evildoer!
    - Luke states: He leads the nation astray, He opposed paying tribute to Caesar, and He claimed to be the Jewish Messiah and King
    - Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to appear as an insurrectionist (punishable by crucifixion)
  - Pilate questions Jesus: Are you the King of the Jews?
    - Jesus: It is as you say!
    - Jesus: Do you say this of your own initiative, or by others?
    - Pilate: What am I a Jew? What have you done?
  - Jesus helps Pilate
    - Jesus: Yes, I'm a King and have a kingdom
      - My kingdom comes with no worldly authority
    - Pilate: So you are a King!
    - Jesus: As you say. For this, I was born and I also came into the world, to bring the truth. Everyone who hears truth hears MY voice
- Pilate stands before the Jews
  - I find no guilt in HIM
  - Shall I release the King of the Jews?
  - Pilate offers the Jews the release of Jesus or Barabbas
    - Out of hatred for Jesus they demanded Barabbas
    - Crucify Jesus!
  - Pilate chooses to scourge Jesus to placate the Jews
    - Scourged, slapped, thorns and thistles, beaten, punched, mocked, sat on, reviled, wrapped in a royal robe
  - Pilate to the crowds: I find no fault in Him!
  - The Priests: We have a law, by our law He should die. He made Himself the Son of God
- Pilate is fearful and meets with Jesus again
  - Where are you from?
    - Is he a god come to earth? Does He have supernatural powers?
    - Pilates wife had a dream and tells him to have nothing to do with Jesus Matt. 27:19
    - Jesus: silence, Pilate had been told already
  - Pilate boasts of his authority to release or to crucify
    - Jesus: You would have no authority had it not been given from above, and while you sin, the greater sin belongs to Caiaphas
  - Pilate before the crowd and chief priests
    - Shall I crucify your King?
    - Chief priests: We have no King but Caesar!
  - Pilate orders Jesus to be Crucified