

43- The Cry of Crucify 19:1-15

I have often wondered if I had lived in the day of Jesus would I have been carried away by the fervor of the crowd. We saw in our last session that they had cried for Barabbas to be released instead of Jesus. Pilate had misunderstood and misread the crowd. I am sure he felt that they would not want a robber and murderer instead of Jesus but they did.

I- Warning of Pilate's Wife:

Pilate was fighting a battle within himself as well. No, not one of faith but one of what was best for him. We see this in a parallel gospel. Notice *Mat 27:18-20 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. 19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.*

Pilate would do what he was forced to do based on the circumstances unfolding. He declared in *Joh 18:38...I find in him no fault at all.* He knew there was no truth to the charges.

II- Scourging of Christ:

Perhaps there was something else Pilate could do to attempt to appease the crowd without crucifying Jesus.

Joh 19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

Pilate had a hope that this would appease the Jews and they would not push for His death. We see this in *Luke 23:16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him.*

This scourging was done by the Roman soldiers and was even more cruel than the Jewish Law would have allowed. This was

illegal because Jesus had not been found guilty by Pilate nor Herod. Still He was whipped which was usually done if someone was going to be crucified.

As part of this we see a mock coronation done by the soldiers.

Joh 19:2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, 3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

There are a couple of verses that rise to the front that need mentioned. These were not stripes of the innocent, oh, yes Jesus was innocent by I, and you as well were not. These were my stripes. *Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

And what about those slaps and punches. They were mine as well. He took my beating for my sin. Notice *Isaiah 52:14 HCSB Just as many were appalled at You--His appearance was so disfigured that He did not look like a man, and His form did not resemble a human being.*

III- Pilate Presents a Disfigured Jesus:

Pilate next takes a disfigured Jesus out and presents him. Surely they would not need more.

Joh 19:4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

Jesus was wearing the mock crown, the purple robe and was severely beaten. Pilate declares that this is just a man not a king.



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IV- The Cry of Crucify:

Pilate is willing and hopeful that he can now release Jesus. The Jews were bound and determined to have Him dead.

Joh 19:6 *When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. 7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.*

Pilate tells them to take Him and crucify Him themselves. The Jewish law would not permit this. The Romans were allowing the Jewish people to observe their own law as long as it did not interfere with Roman law. The Romans were the ones who crucified on crosses not the Jews.

Now there are some who claim that Jesus never claimed to be God or the Son of God. You could not have convinced the Jewish leaders of this. The charge that rose to warrant death in their mind was that He claimed to be the Son of God.

This was the rejection of Jesus by the nation of Israel. I remind us what Caiaphas said recorded in **John 11:48-51** *If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. 49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, 50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;*

This cry of crucify by the chief priest and others is carrying forth on this statement.

Remember John said in **John 1:11** *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.* The cry of crucify is beginning to ring.

V- Where Are You From:

Remember Pilate has been warned by his wife to have nothing to do with this just man and now the Jews had said he claims to be God. Pilate, a very superstitious man is now more fearful.

Joh 19:8 *When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.*

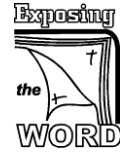
Pilate asked Him where He was from. No he was not talking about where He from on earth. He knew that He was from Galilee. He had heard this from the Jews and that was the reason he sent Him to Herod. Notice **Luke 23:5-7** *And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place. 6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaeen. 7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.*

No, Pilate was not asking from what city but from what realm beyond this earth. He knew he had come from Galilee on earth.

Jesus gave Pilate no answer to his question. Then Pilate, like a wild animal puffing up its feathers to make it look big, boast of his power.

Joh 19:10 *Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?*

Notice the answer to Jesus. **Joh 19:11** *Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were*



given thee from above; therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

This again reminds us that this had been the plan of God for the salvation of men before the foundation of the world. ***Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:***

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

Jesus tells Pilate that the power over Him is not gained by his political position but from God. Pilate assumed his power was from Caesar and Rome.

B.W. Johnson in *The People's New Testament* said:

Christ submitted because it was the Father's will that he should drink the cup. Poor, helpless Pilate was not so great a sinner as the Jews, who might have known better, who were filled with devilish hate, who were now forcing Pilate to the crime. The words of Christ are really words of compassion.

He tells Pilate that those who delivered Him to be crucified have the greater sin. They claimed to represent God, Pilate Rome.

So where was Jesus from? He has clearly demonstrated and verified His claim that He was sent from the Father. His miracles, His words showed this. Now with this man standing before Pilate with such a strength and dignity Pilate sees it as well.

VI- The Order to Execute:

Pilate had attempted to release Jesus by the custom of prisoner release. They cried for Barabbas. He had Him beaten hoping it would suffice. He now is fearful of Jesus and who He really is but we will see He is

more fearful of losing his position with Rome.

Joh 19:12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. 13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

Pilate knows he is not going to prevail surrenders against his better judgment to the mob. He would sell his own soul for the power and position he held. He did not want a riot which would lead to his removal.

Joh 19:14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

Pilate mocks the Jews here by calling Jesus their King. Matthew gives us another insight into the proceedings. ***Matt 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.***

Please notice that it was the time of preparation for the Passover lamb when Jesus was sentenced to die. This was no accident because He is our Passover Lamb slain for our sins.

We hear the final cry from the crowd to crucify Jesus in ***Joh 19:15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.***

They would not allow Him to rule over them who was their King and will be their King. The question before us is have you allowed Him to be King of your life or have you sold out to others things in life.