

# COURAGEOUS LOVE FACES REJECTION

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**Text:** Luke 23:1–21

*“And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. 3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it. 4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. 5 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 Galilaean. 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. 8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. 9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. 11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. 12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves. 13 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: 15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. 16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him. 17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) 18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: 19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) 20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. 21 But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.” (Luke 23:1–12)*

## INTRODUCTION

- Pilate's previous actions with Jews
  - \* Pilate provoked riots in Jerusalem & Samaria
  - \* Pilate promoted emperor worship & Roman polytheistic religion
  - \* Pilate stood trial in Rome for cruelty & oppression
- Jesus in 4 different trials
  - \* Sanhedron
  - \* Pilate
  - \* Herod
  - \* Jewish leaders & Pilate
- Jesus saw Pilate inside Antonia Fortress

### THE TRIALS OF JESUS

1. Trial before Caiaphas, the High Priest, and the Sanhedrin
2. Roman Trial (with Pilate)
3. Trial before Herod Antipas
4. Trial before Pilate Continued and Concluded

"And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes." (Mark 14:53)

"The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine." (John 18:19-20)

## 1. HIS POSITION WAS DEMEANED - Jesus accused

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### A. By the Chief Priests

"And it was the third hour, and they crucified him." (Mark 15:25) 9 AM

"Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? 30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee." (John 18:29-30)

- Jesus died at the ninth hour - 3 PM  
(Mk 15:34, Mt 27:46)

**Quote:** "The Jewish trial focused on the religious issue (blasphemy); but when the Jews sent Jesus to Pilate, it was the political issue they stressed ("He stirs up the people")."

—Warren Wiersbe

*"And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him." (Mark 12:17)*

*"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." (John 18:36)*

*"For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy." (Mark 15:10)*

B. By an Angry crowd

*"For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." (Hebrews 12:3)*

*"The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go." (Acts 3:13)*

## 2. HIS Power WAS NOT DISCERNED (v. 6-12)

A. The frivolity of Herod

miracle  
entertainment

*"And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation." (Mark 8:11-12)*

B. The silence of Jesus

*"For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly." (Mark 6:20)*

- Herod already heard God's words from John the Baptist

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." (Isaiah 53:7) the Messiah

C. The hostility of the Crowd

RELIGIOUS LEADERS ACCUSED JESUS

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not." (John 1:10-11)

HEROD'S SOLDIERS MOCKED JESUS

"For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." (Acts 4:27-28)

3. HIS Punishment WAS DEMANDED

(v. 13-26)

A. The declaration of Christ's Innocence

THE CLAIM OF THE PEOPLE

THE EXAMINATION OF PILATE

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)

B. The display of Pilate's Cowardice

PILATE OFFERS TO "CHASTISE" JESUS (whip)

PILATE OFFERS TO RELEASE JESUS

"Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would." (Matthew 27:15) Passover

C. The demand of the People

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Jesus

"I find  
no fault  
in him."

"Crucify  
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*"The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;" (Acts 3:13-14)*

**THE PEOPLE DEMAND CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION**

*"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." (John 19:12)*

*Pilate washes his hands*

*"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." (Matthew 27:24)*

**CONCLUSION**

- *Pilate recalled back to Rome for bad governance in Judea*
- *Rome had trial against Pilate*
- *recall & trial 36-37 AD*

*"And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified." (Mark 15:15)*

*"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." (Isaiah 53:5)*