



Title: Jesus The Servant: Pilate's Decision

Scripture: John 19:1-16

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: We can demonstrate our daily dependence upon God by following Him.

Vs. 1

Took Jesus and scourged Him. - We are to assume that by this, Pilate ordered Jesus to be scourged. It was probable that Jesus was scourged in the Roman way and not the Jewish manner.

The Roman scourge was no trifle. It tore off the quivering flesh of the agonized sufferer for it was constructed on the purpose to do so. It was generally made of the sinew of oxen, intertwined with the knuckle bones of sheep, and small slivers of bone.- Spurgeon

It was not unusual for a criminal to die from a scourging, even before crucifixion. - Guzik

Vs. 2

Crown of thorns - They made a mockery of Jesus. He indeed would be crowned by man but in a needless painful way.

Purple robe - Purple was the color of royalty. This was probably meant to be cruel irony.

Vs. 3

They struck Him with their hands - Jesus was hit and abused. He came here to do good, but this is how mankind treated Him.

Vs. 4-5

Behold the Man. - Pilate presents Jesus. This is the one whom he found no fault (vs.4).

Vs. 6

Crucify Him, crucify Him! - We see the true intentions of the chief priest and religious elite. Jesus represented everything they were opposed to.

Vs. 7

We have a law. - The Jewish leaders were quick to justify their actions..

Jesus is not bound by what we think or observe.

Because He made Himself the Son of God. - The Jews understood this to mean that Jesus is equal to God. Notice that if they were wrong Jesus never corrected them at any time in His ministry.

Jesus had a claim to Deity, that is why the Jewish leaders wanted to kill Him.

Vs. 8

He was the more afraid. - This interaction put Pilate in a difficult position.

Vs. 9

Where are You from? - Pilate was not making small talk. He was motivated to find out if Jesus was some sort of demigod.

Vs. 10

I have the power to crucify You, and the power to release You. - Pilate ultimately played his largest card to get to the bottom of this. He pulled rank and declared his power to Jesus.

God is always on the throne. Everything goes according to His plan. - Courson

The general silence of Jesus before His accusers and judges fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 53:7: And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.- Guzik

Vs. 11

You could have no power at all against Me. - Jesus finally answers. His answer was not what Pilate was expecting.

Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin. - Jesus provides Pilate with an out. Pilate was convinced of Jesus' innocence in his conscience.

Vs. 12

Pilate sought to release Him. - We saw earlier that Pilate found no fault with Jesus. Now we see him moved to the point of releasing Jesus. Perhaps he was panicking. We get a sense of unease from Pilate.

If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. - We see the Jewish leaders play to the emotion of the situation.

Don't wake up and say today I am going to do good. Say that today I am going to follow God.

Vs. 13

Place that is called the Pavement - This was literally a stone pavement. Perhaps an open court area where justice (according to man) was administered.

Vs. 14

Behold your King - We know that Pilate saw Jesus as innocent. It is of my opinion that this was said in a theatrical way, as irony. "Behold your King".

Vs. 15-16

So they took Jesus and led Him away. - Jesus is handed over to the soldiers and taken away to be punished and crucified.

You may do today exactly what Pilate did. He is simply an example of a man who lacks decision of character, who does not possess the courage of his convictions, who tries to compromise with wrong, who disobeys conscience through fear of personal loss.-Erdman via Guzik

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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3D Guide

DO.

BOTTOM LINE: We can demonstrate our daily dependence upon God by following Him.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. Read through this scripture. What do you think Jesus is feeling & thinking?
2. What do you think was going through the mind of Pilate?
3. What do you think the religious leaders were thinking and feeling?
4. How do you think this impacted the disciples when they saw Jesus being abused and finally being lead away?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: February 25th, 2018

Scripture: The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

(Key Verse: Love your neighbor as yourself. Leviticus 19:18)

1. Read the story in the Bible (read Luke 10:25-37)
2. Let's learn some facts about this story! Samaritans were people who lived in a certain area, and they were not thought of very highly. That is the reason that some in the story did not want to help the hurt man. Do you think this was right? We should love and help everyone!
3. Who are some people that we could show love to or help?

Memory Verse: Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord. -Lev. 19:18

