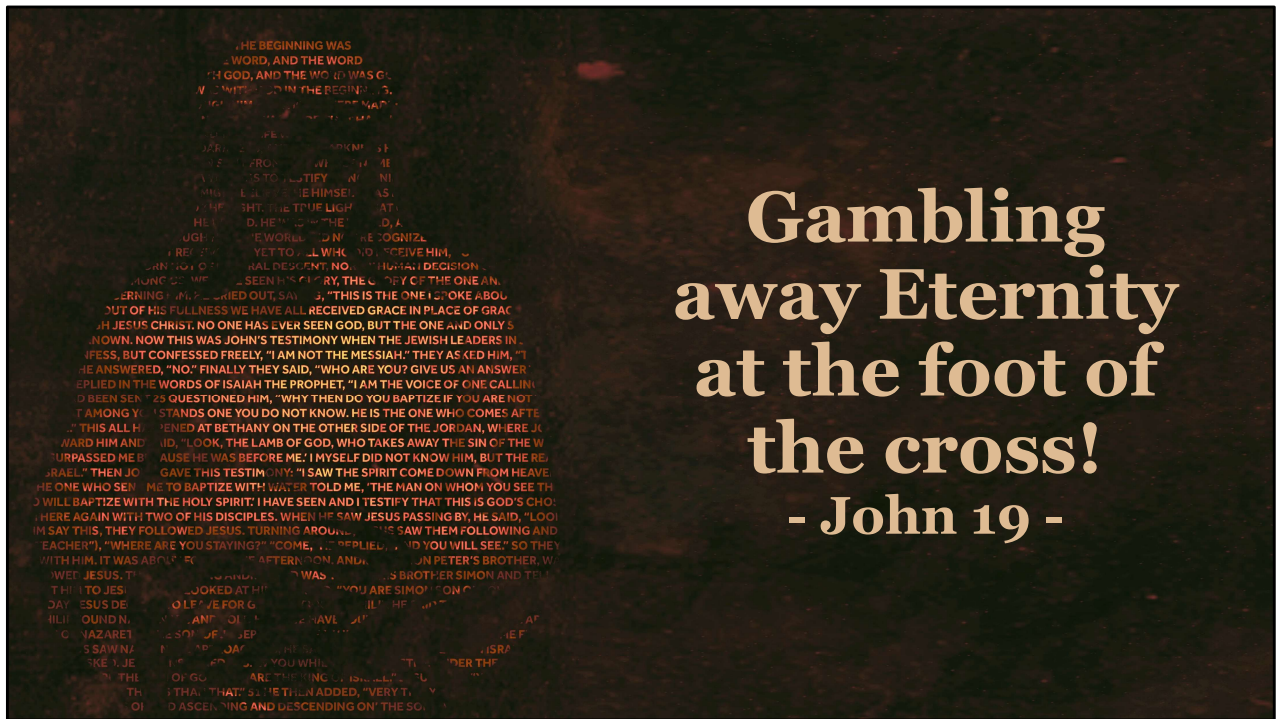


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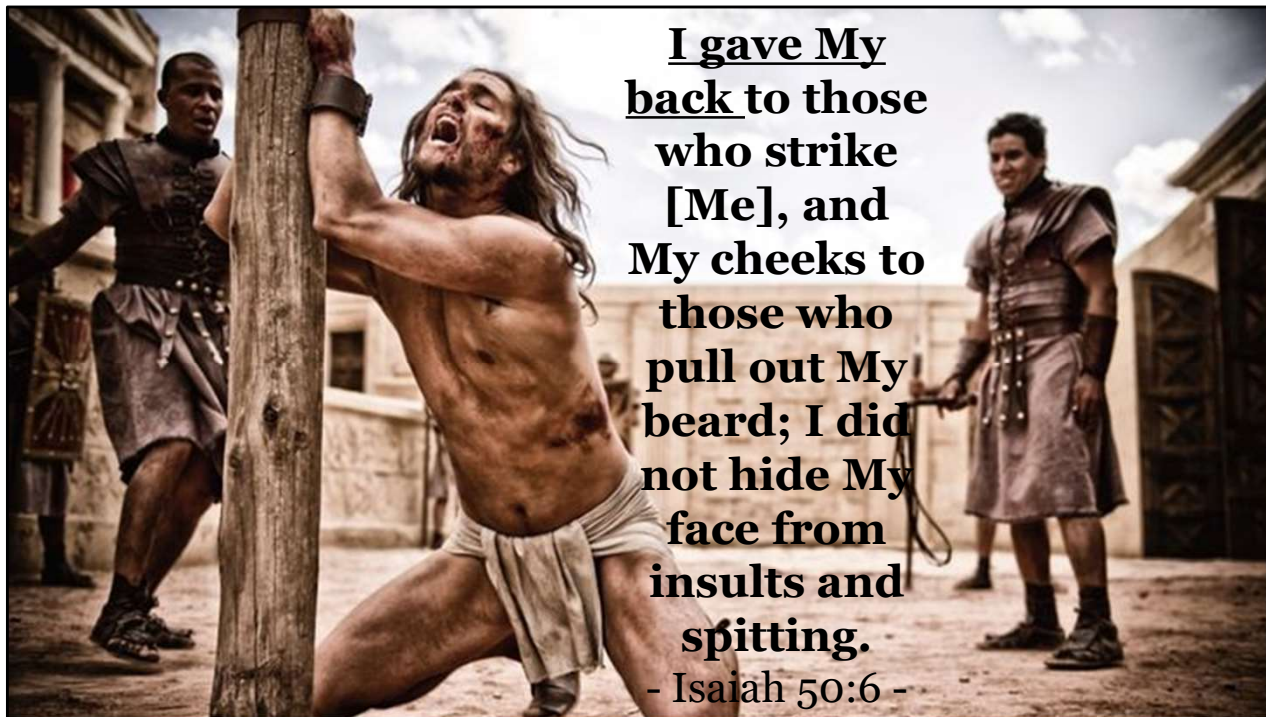
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## Gambling Away Eternity at the foot of the cross! The Unavoidable Ultimatum! - John 19

- 19:1 Why did the Romans limit flogging to not exceed 39 times? 2Cor.11:24, Deut.25:2-3
- Why did the soldiers smash the crown of thorns on Jesus head and a purple/scarlet robe on his back?
- 19:4, 6 Pilate confesses that he found nothing worthy of punishment in Jesus but then flogged Him and crucified him?! How many times did Pilate declare Jesus as innocent or nothing worthy of punishment?
- Pilate was a vicious tyrant and yet was afraid? Of who? Why? 19:8
- What does the image of soldiers gambling for Jesus earthly possessions suggest?
- Have you ever heard of Pascals Wager? What was his best intention of this philosophical challenge?
- Jesus, His fate hanging in the balance, warned Pilate he had no power over Him?! What?!
- The Jews: **'He made Himself out to be the Son of God!'** 19:7
- Pilate \*said to them, **"Look, your King!"** 19:14
- How many ways/times did Pilate try to avoid passing judgment on Jesus?
- Pilate also wrote an inscription... **JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.** 19:19

- As we celebrate Mothers Day this "Son"day, can you empathize at all with Mary as she saw her son brutalized?
- Jesus said: "I am thirsty." 19:28 which conveys what message?
- Jesus said: "It is finished!" 19:30 establishing what bedrock spiritual truth?
- Why does John make a point of telling us "one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out." 19:34. There are at least 3 reasons
- Is it possible to be a secret disciple? What does it say that Joseph and Nic asked Pilate for Jesus' body?
- Why was Jesus placed in a garden tomb? 19:41-42
- How many times in this chapter were prophecies fulfilled? At least one isn't specifically mentioned.



**Jesus allowed them to beat Him!**

**Jhn 19:1 So Pilate then took Jesus and had Him flogged.**

[Jhn 10:17-18 NASB20] 17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because **I lay down My life so that I may take it back.** 18 "**No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back.** This commandment I received from My Father:"

[Mat 27:26 NASB20] 26 Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

[Mar 15:15 NASB20] 15 Intent on satisfying the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

[Luk 23:16, 23 NASB20] 16 "**Therefore I will punish Him and release Him.**" ... 23 But they were insistent, with loud voices, demanding that He be crucified. And their voices [began] to prevail.

[Isa 50:6 NASB20] 6 **I gave My back to those who strike [Me.] And My cheeks to those who pull out My beard; I did not hide My face from insults and spitting.**

[Psa 129:3 NASB20] 3 "**The plowers plowed upon my back; They lengthened their furrows.**"

[Isa 53:5 NASB20] 5 **But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings;** The punishment for our well-being [was laid] upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

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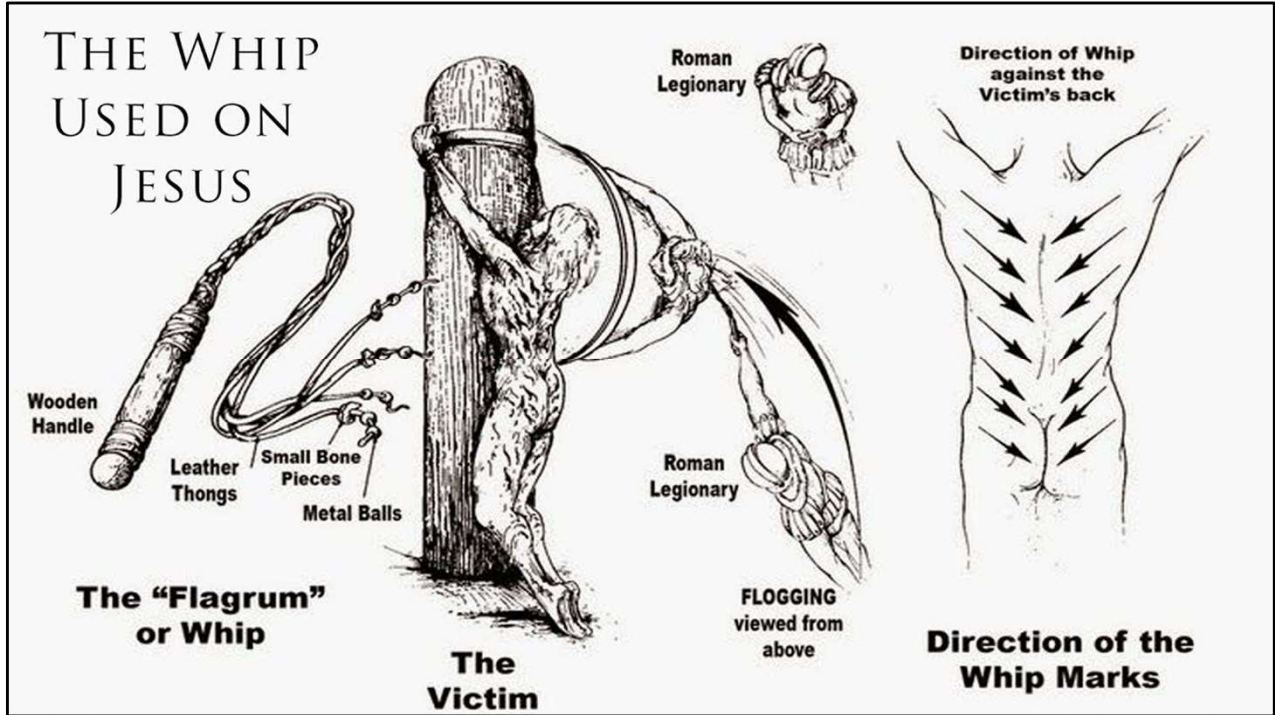
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Then they often put Salt on the open wounds!

## Pilate's perilous predicament

### † Pilate knew the Sanhedrin's motives

- Because of Envy! – Mt 27:18-19, Mk 15:10

### † Pilate declared Jesus innocent 3x!!!

- I find in him no fault [at all], - 18:38 (KJV)
- I find no fault in him - 19:4
- For I find no fault in him - 19:6; Mt 27:23-24; Jn 19:12

### † Pilate tried at 4x to let Jesus go - 19:8, 10, 12

#### **The Unavoidable Ultimatum!**

**What you do with Jesus determines eternity!**

**[Mat 12:30 NASB20] 30 "The one who is not with Me is against Me; and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.**

**Pilate was historically and biblically a Violent, oppressive murderous man!**

**Luk 13:1 Now on that very occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.**

**Pilate was doing his job and had this dilemma thrust upon him! He didn't ask for this or want it! He isn't a nice guy nor is he innocent but here's the thing!**

**We all must make a judgment about Jesus Christ! He made us for Himself and He is God and we must decide what relationship we want with Him!**

**Pilate's perilous predicament is now yours too! [Act 13:46 NASB20] 46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first. Since you repudiate it and consider yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.**

**2Th 1:8-9 in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God, and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These people will**

**pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,**

**No Fault/Guilt/Reason/Cause/Crime/Grounds**

[Mat 19:3 NASB20] 3 [Some] Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful [for a man] to divorce his wife for any reason[G156] [at all?]"

[Mat 27:37 NASB20] 37 And above His head they put up the charge[G156] against[G156] Him which read, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

[Act 13:28 NASB20] 28 "And though they found no grounds[G156] for [putting Him to] death, they asked Pilate that He be executed.

Mat 27:23-24 But he said, "**Why, what evil has He done?**" Yet they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!" 24 **Now when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; you yourselves shall see."**

Jhn 19:12 As a result of this, **Pilate made efforts to release Him; but the Jews shouted, saying, "If you release this Man, you are not a friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself [out to be] a king opposes Caesar!"**

[Jhn 18:38 KJV] 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault [at all].**

[Jhn 19:4, 6 NASB20] 4 And [then] Pilate came out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you so that you will know that **I find no grounds at all for charges in His case.**" ... 6 So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they shouted, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify [Him;] for **I find no grounds for charges in His case!**"

Pilate tried at least 3x to let Jesus go

1. Pilate determined this was a local, non executable matter and goes to Herod. Lk.23:1-7
2. Pilate flogged Jesus to appease a growing riot and to satisfy their bloodlust. But they were riled up to cry Crucify Him! Lk.23:11-17, 20-24
3. After offering a choice of Barabbas and having flogged Jesus, Pilate says He still has the authority to release Jesus! Pilate was MORE AFRAID!
4. Pilates wife had a Dream and pleaded with Him and Jesus did NOT!!! How strange!!!
5. Pilate presented Jesus to the People yet again, after all the above, trying to argue on Jesus behalf?

*Pilate* \*said to them, "**Behold, the Man!**" 19:5, 7. What is significant about this?

*Pilate* \*said to them, "**Look, your King!**" 19:14

*Pilate* \*said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" 19:15 The chief priests answered, "We have no king except Caesar."

**Pilate Knowingly/admittedly Crucified an innocent man!!!**



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[Mar 15:10 NASB20] 10 For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

[Act 5:17 NASB20] 17 But the high priest stood up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy.

[Act 13:45 NASB20] 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and [began] contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.

[Jas 4:5 NASB20] 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says to no purpose, "He jealously desires the Spirit whom He has made to dwell in us"?

Ancient historians report that the Roman governor Pontius Pilate clashed with the Jewish population on several sensitive issues. One such conflict involved bringing to the holy city, Jerusalem, the military standards featuring the image of the emperor. Pictured here is a scene from Trajan's Column in Rome (built 113 C.E.) showing praetorians carrying similar standards. *Photo: Roger B. Ulrich.*

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Because of political and religious problems, Judea, from the Rom. point of view, was a difficult province to govern. Pilate outraged the Jews by sending soldiers into Jerusalem with Rom. military standards bearing emblems that the Jews regarded as idolatrous.

This had been attempted before, and the Jewish opposition was so strong that the Rom. authorities removed the offensive insignia from standards that were carried into the city of Jerusalem. When Pilate reversed this policy he met with determined Jewish resistance, which he sought to overcome by threatening to kill the objectors. Finding them adamant in their opposition and not afraid to die, Pilate finally had to yield the point. This incident reveals poor judgment, stubbornness, and finally weakness on Pilate's part. Pilate further outraged the Jews by appropriating the *corban* money, or religious contributions from the Temple treasury, to finance the construction of an aqueduct, some twenty-five m. in length, to bring water to Jerusalem from the highlands S of the city. The Jews considered this action sacrilegious and reacted violently. Many rioters were killed by Pilate's soldiers. This may be the atrocity mentioned in Luke 13:1, 2.

Philo of Alexandria (quoting Agrippa I) says of Pilate in the *Legatio ad Gaium* (38), that the Jews

exasperated Pilate to the greatest possible degree, as he feared lest they might go on an embassy to the Emperor, and might impeach him with respect to other particulars of his government—his corruptions, his acts of insolence, his rapine, his habit of insulting people, his cruelty, and his continual murders of people untried and uncondemned, and his never-ending, gratuitous and most grievous inhumanity.

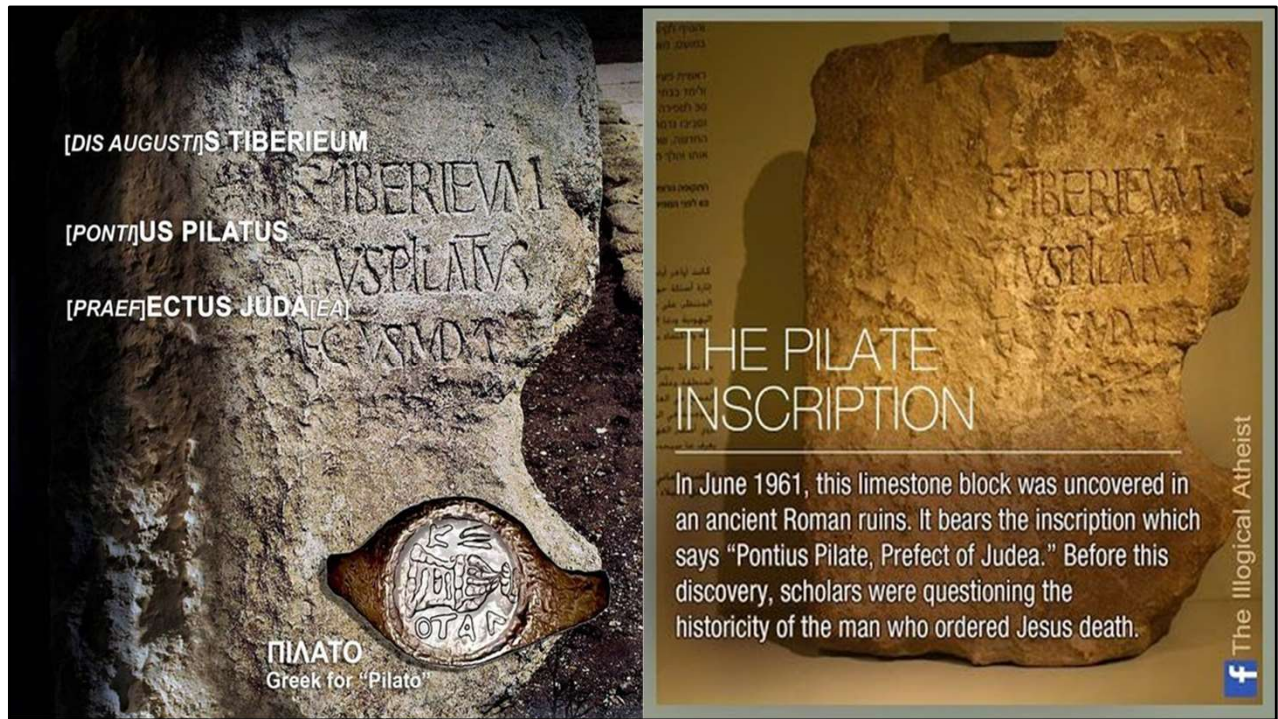
This appraisal of Pilate must be regarded as greatly exaggerated, as shown by the much more moderate tone of statements about Pilate in the NT. That he was able to continue in office as procurator of Judea for ten years would seem to indicate the extreme bias of Philo's words.

Pilate's political ruin came about through his own folly. A Samaritan put forth the claim that he knew where on top of Mt. Gerizim, Moses had hidden golden objects pertaining to the Tabernacle. This claim proceeded from ignorance and fanaticism, for Moses had never crossed the Jordan and thus could not have visited Mt. Gerizim. A large assembly of Samaritans, however, gathered at the base of the mountain, intending to climb to the summit to search for the alleged treasures. Foolishly they were armed with weapons which Pilate interpreted as a threatened insurrection. Many of the Samaritans were killed by Pilate's soldiers. The Mt. Gerizim affair, however, was a mere passing incident and certainly no real threat to Rom. rule in Pal. Pilate had killed so many people that the Samaritans filed a complaint with Pilate's superior, Vitellius, the Rom. governor of Syria. Vitellius deposed Pilate as procurator of Judea and ordered him to Rome for the judgment of the emperor on his rash conduct in the Gerizim affair. This ended Pilate's ten years as procurator.

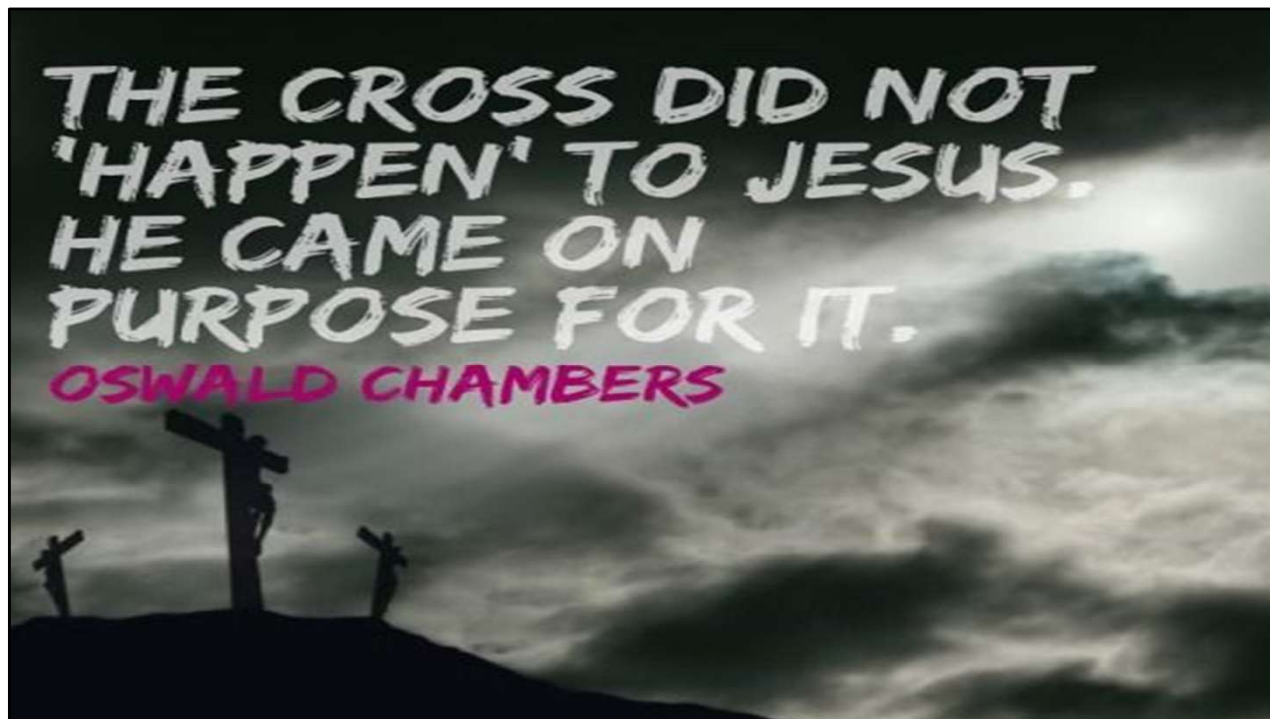
The emperor Tiberius died 16 March a.d. 37, before Pilate's arrival in Rome. Apparently Pilate escaped trial because of the emperor's death. All accounts of Pilate after his arrival at Rome are of late date and are considered doubtful and legendary by historians. The common story is that he was banished to the city of Vienne in Gaul where he eventually committed suicide. This is found in Eusebius (HE, ii. 7). According to another story, Pilate was beheaded by order of Tiberius, but repented before his execution. The spurious book *Acta Pilati* (dating from the 4th or 5th cent. a.d.) clears Pilate of all blame, and even represents him as confessing that Jesus is the [[Son of God]] (ch. 46). Other books entitled *Acta Pilati* are extant, which differ among themselves, and all of which are spurious. One legend claims that Pilate's wife became a Christian. The [[Coptic Church]] is said to observe June 25 as a day honoring Pilate as a saint and martyr (A. Souter in HDCG, ii, 366). This idea lacks historical basis. It is much more likely that Pilate committed suicide, but this also cannot be proved.

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**Historians and archaeologists argued the Bible was faulty because there was NO proof of Pilate in Judea!  
1961 a stone was found by a Farmer plowing, ironically**



### **The punishment for Blasphemy was Stoning!**

[Lev 24:10-11, 14-16 NASB20] 10 Now the son of an Israelite woman--his father was an Egyptian--went out among the sons of Israel; and the Israelite woman's son and an Israelite man had a fight within the camp. 11 And the son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name and cursed. So they brought him to Moses. (Now his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.) ... 14 "Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and have all who heard him lay their hands on his head; then have all the congregation stone him. 15 "You shall also speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If anyone curses his God, then he will bear [the responsibility for] his sin. 16 'Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The stranger as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

[1Ki 21:10, 13 NASB20] 10 and seat two worthless men opposite him, and have them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." ... 13 Then the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him; and the worthless men testified against him, against Naboth, before the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones.

[Jhn 8:58-59 NASB20] 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham



was born, I am." 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and left the temple [grounds.]  
[Jhn 10:33 NASB20] 33 The Jews answered Him, "We are not stoning You for a good work, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself [out to be] God."

## A crown of Thorns? Flogging . . . ?

- † Flogging with Leather, glass, metal . . . 39x?
- † A Crown of thorns? - Gen 3:14, 17-19
- † Slapped, beat . . . Mocked Him!
- † Cruelty born of Hate! We either Hate God or . . . Rom 8:7; Ja 4:4; Jn 3:19

Wasn't Crucifixion enough? That alone was cruel, brutal and would've made most of us vomit and pass out! Why all this?

Mankind Hates God! Make NO mistake about it!

The way you wield Power, when you are in a position of leverage, says everything about your character or lack thereof! It exposes what you desire the most! Which apart from Christ is always Self promotion,

[Rom 8:7 NASB20] 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able [to do so,]

[Jhn 3:19 NASB20] 19 "And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light; for their deeds were evil.

Deu 25:2-3 then it shall be if the wicked person deserves to be beaten, the judge shall then make him lie down and have him beaten in his presence with the number [of lashes] according to his wrongful act. 3 "He may have him beaten forty times, [but] not more, so that he does not have him beaten with many more lashes than these, and that your brother does not become contemptible in your eyes.

[2Co 11:24 NASB20] 24 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine [lashes.]

**(Apostle Paul)!!!**

[2Co 11:23-25 NASB20] 23 Are they servants of Christ?--I am speaking as if insane--I more so; **in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in [danger of] death.** 24 **Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine [lashes.]** 25 **Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent [adrift] at sea.**

[Gal 6:17 NASB20] 17 **From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.**

[Gen 3:14, 17-19 Then the LORD God said to the serpent, "**Because you have done this, Cursed are you** more than all the livestock, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat All the days of your life; ... 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; **Cursed is the ground because of you; With hard labor you shall eat [from] it All the days of your life.** 18 **"Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;** 19 **By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread,** Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

[Exo 20:5 "You shall not worship them nor serve them; for **I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, inflicting the punishment of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,**

[Deu 5:9 NASB20] 9 'You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, inflicting the punishment of the fathers on the children, even on the third and fourth [generations] of those who hate Me,

[Deu 32:41 NASB20] 41 If I have sharpened My flashing sword, And My hand has taken hold of justice, I will return vengeance on My adversaries, And I will repay those who hate Me.

[Psa 25:19 NASB20] 19 Look at my enemies, for they are many, And they hate me with violent hatred.

[Psa 69:4 NASB20] 4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; Those who would destroy me are powerful, those who oppose me with lies; What I did not steal, I then have to restore.

[Jhn 7:7 NASB20] 7 "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify about it, that its deeds are evil.

[Mat 25:40 NASB20] 40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did [it] for one of the least of these brothers [or sisters] of Mine, you did [it] for Me.'

[Rom 1:28, 30 And just as **they did not see fit to acknowledge God,** God gave them up to a depraved mind, to do those things that are not proper, ... 30 slanderers, **haters of God, insolent, arrogant,** boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

[Rom 5:10 NASB20] 10 For if **while we were enemies** we were reconciled to God

through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

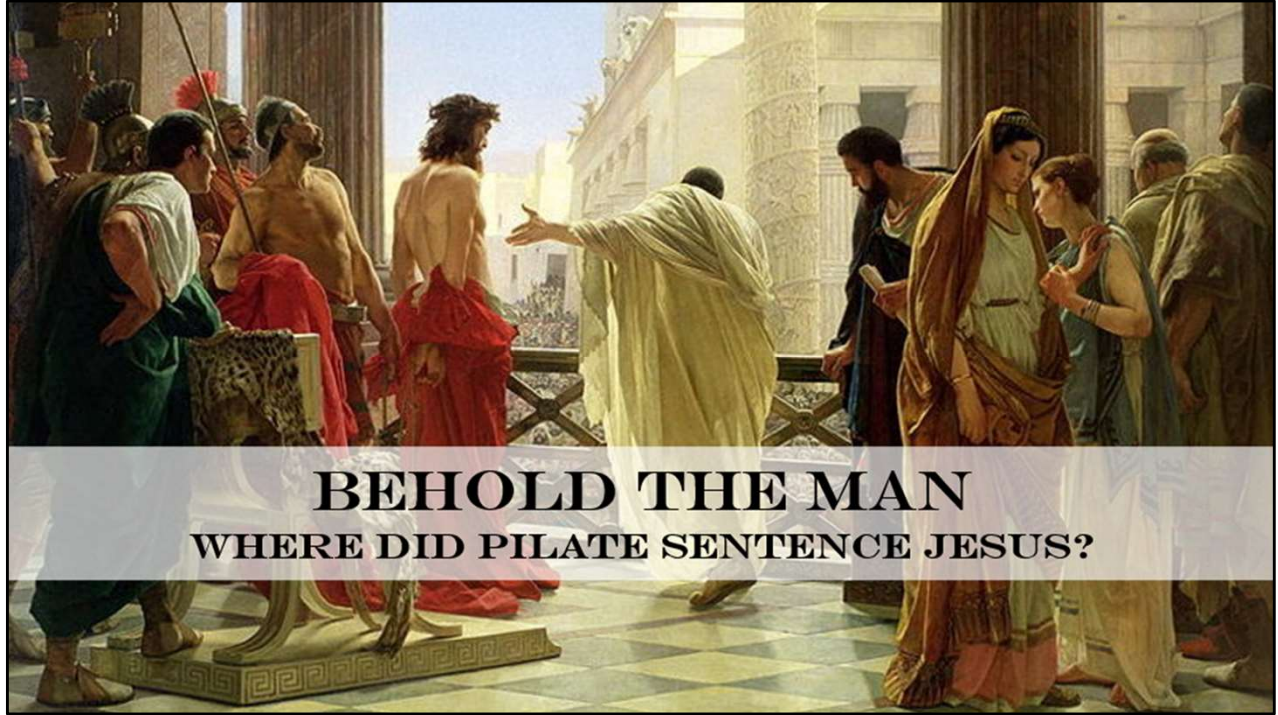
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[Jhn 15:23-24 "**The one who hates Me hates My Father also. 24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.**

[Eph 4:18-19 NASB20] 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of **the hardness of their heart;** 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves up to indecent behavior for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

[2Ti 3:4 NASB20] 4 **treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**

[Jas 4:4 NASB20] 4 **You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**



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**Is this where Jesus was tried by Pontius Pilate?**

[Expedition Bible](#)



## “He made Himself out to be the Son of God!”

- † 7 “I am” statements!
- † Jesus claims and miracles!
- † They tried to Kill Jesus at least 3x, in peril!
- † Jesus admitted to being their King! - 18:37

Matt. and Mk. Give the human genealogy of Jesus, John gives the Divine one, In the Beginning!

Strange bedfellows! Pharisees and Sadducees, Jews and Romans!

[Luk 23:12 NASB20] 12 And **[so] Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for previously, they had been enemies toward each other.**

[Act 4:25-27 NASB20] 25 who by the Holy Spirit, [through] the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'WHY WERE THE NATIONS INSOLENT, AND **THE PEOPLES PLOTTING IN VAIN? 26 'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.' 27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,**

[Mat 16:1 NASB20] 1 **The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and putting [Jesus] to the test,** they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.

[Mar 15:1 NIV] 1 Very early in the morning, **the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.**

[Jhn 18:31 NASB20] 31 So Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "**We are not permitted to put**

**anyone to death."**

[Jhn 19:7 NASB20] 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, **because He made Himself [out to be] the Son of God!**"

Joh 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Joh 7:30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

Joh 7:44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

Joh 8:20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

Joh 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

Joh 8:40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

Joh 8:59 **Then took they up stones to cast at him:** but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Joh 10:31 **Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.**

Joh 10:39 ¶ **Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,**

Joh 11:8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

Joh 11:53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews;

[Jhn 18:19-23, 29-38 The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple [area,] where all the Jews congregate; and I said nothing in secret. 21 "Why are you asking Me? Ask those who have heard what I spoke to them. Look: these people know what I said." 22 But when He said this, one of the officers, who was standing nearby, struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?" ... 29 Therefore Pilate came out to them and said, "What accusation are you bringing against this Man?" 30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you." 31 So Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." 32 [This happened] so that the word of Jesus which He said, indicating what kind of death He was going to die, would be fulfilled. 33 Therefore Pilate entered the Praetorium again, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "You are the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me; what have You done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My

kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say [correctly] that I am a king. For this [purpose] I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And after saying this, he came out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no grounds at all for charges in His case.

[Mat 27:11 NASB20] 11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "**[So] You are the King of the Jews?**" **And Jesus said to him, "[It is as] you say."**

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[Jhn 19:8-12 NASB20] 8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was [even] more afraid; 9 and **he entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate said to Him, "Are you not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all, if it had not been given to you from above; for this reason the one who handed Me over to you has [the] greater sin." 12 As a result of this, Pilate made efforts to release Him; but the Jews shouted, saying, "If you release this Man, you are not a friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself [out to be] a king opposes Caesar!"**

Blasphemy...Treason against Rome/Caesar! Lk.23:1-7, Jn.19

Destroying the Temple

Mat 27:11-15, 17-25 NASB20] 11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "[So] You are the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "[It is as] you say." 12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not offer any answer. 13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they are testifying against You?" 14 And [still] He did not answer him in regard to even a single charge, so the governor was greatly amazed. 15 Now at [the Passover] Feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people [any] one prisoner whom they wanted. ... 17 So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew that [it was] because of envy [that] they had handed Him over. 19 And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him [a message,] saying, "[See that you have] nothing [to

do] with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him." 20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death. 21 And the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." 22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him!" 23 But he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" Yet they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!" 24 Now when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; you yourselves shall see." 25 And all the people replied, "His blood [shall be] on us and on our children!"

[Mar 14:60-62 KJV] 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what [is it which] these witness against thee? 61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, **Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? 62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

[Mar 15:9-14 KJV] 9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. 11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. 12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do [unto him] whom ye call the King of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, Crucify him. 14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

[Luk 23:1-7 KJV] 1 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.

[Luk 23:11-17, 20-24 KJV] 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.) ... 20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. 21 But they cried, saying, Crucify [him], crucify him. 22 And **he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done?** I have found no cause of death in him: **I will therefore chastise him, and let [him] go.** 23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. 24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.**

[Jhn 18:31-40 KJV] 31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: 32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. 33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36 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. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault [at all]. 39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

[Jhn 19:4, 6 KJV] 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. ... 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.

[Jhn 18:38 KJV] 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault [at all].

[Jhn 19:33-34, 36-37 NASB20] 33 but after they came to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 Yet one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ... 36 For these things took



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Ever felt like you were on trial?!  
Have the whole world examining you and your life?

Well, one day you will! Rev.20:11-15

## Jesus = Savior

- † “Behold, the Man!” - 19:5, 7; Heb 2:6
- † “He made Himself out to be the Son of God!”  
- Jn 19:7
- † “Look, your King!” - 19:14
- † “JESUS THE NAZARENE,  
THE KING OF THE JEWS.” - 19:19

The beautiful names and titles of our LORD

[Heb 2:1, 3, 5-18 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away [from it.] ... 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ... 5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6 But someone has testified somewhere, saying, "**WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU THINK OF HIM? OR A SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM? 7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR;** 8 YOU HAVE PUT EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. 9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, [namely,] Jesus, because of His suffering death crowned with glory and honor, **so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.** 10 **For it was fitting for Him,** for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one [Father,] for this reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers [and sisters,] 12 saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BROTHERS, IN THE MIDST OF THE ASSEMBLY I WILL SING YOUR

PRAISE." 13 And again, "I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM." And again, "BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME." 14 **Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,** 15 and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. 16 For clearly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendants of Abraham. 17 **Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brothers** so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

[Jhn 1:34, 49 NASB20] 34 "And I myself have seen, and have testified that **this is the Son of God.**" ... 49 **Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel!"**

[Jhn 3:18 NASB20] 18 "The one who believes in Him is not judged; the one who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

[Jhn 5:25 NASB20] 25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a time is coming and even now has arrived, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

[Jhn 10:36 NASB20] 36 are you saying of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

[Jhn 11:4, 27 NASB20] 4 But when Jesus heard [this,] He said, "This sickness is not meant for death, but [is] for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." ... 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, [and] He who comes into the world."

[Jhn 19:7 NASB20] 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He made Himself [out to be] the Son of God!"

[Jhn 20:31 NASB20] 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name.

[Jhn 1:18, 51 NASB20] 18 No one has seen God at any time; God the only [Son,] who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained [Him.] ... 51 And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

[Jhn 3:36 NASB20] 36 "The one who believes in the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

[Jhn 6:27 NASB20] 27 "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

[Jhn 13:31 NASB20] 31 Therefore when he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him;

[Mat 2:23 NASB20] 23 and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. [This happened] so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: "**He will be called a Nazarene.**"

[Mar 10:47 NASB20] 47 And when he heard that it was **Jesus the Nazarene**, he began to cry out and say, "**Jesus, Son of David**, have mercy on me!"

[Mar 14:67 NASB20] 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You were with Jesus the Nazarene as well."

[Mar 16:6 NASB20] 6 But he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; see, [here is] the place where they laid Him.

[Luk 24:19 NASB20] 19 And He said to them, "What sort of things?" And they said to Him, "Those about Jesus the Nazarene, who proved to be a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

[Jhn 18:5, 7 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am [He.]" And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ... 7 He then asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

[Jhn 19:19 NASB20] 19 Now Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written: "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

[Act 2:22 NASB20] 22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

[Act 3:6 NASB20] 6 But Peter said, "I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!"

[Act 4:10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by this [name] this man stands here before you in good health.

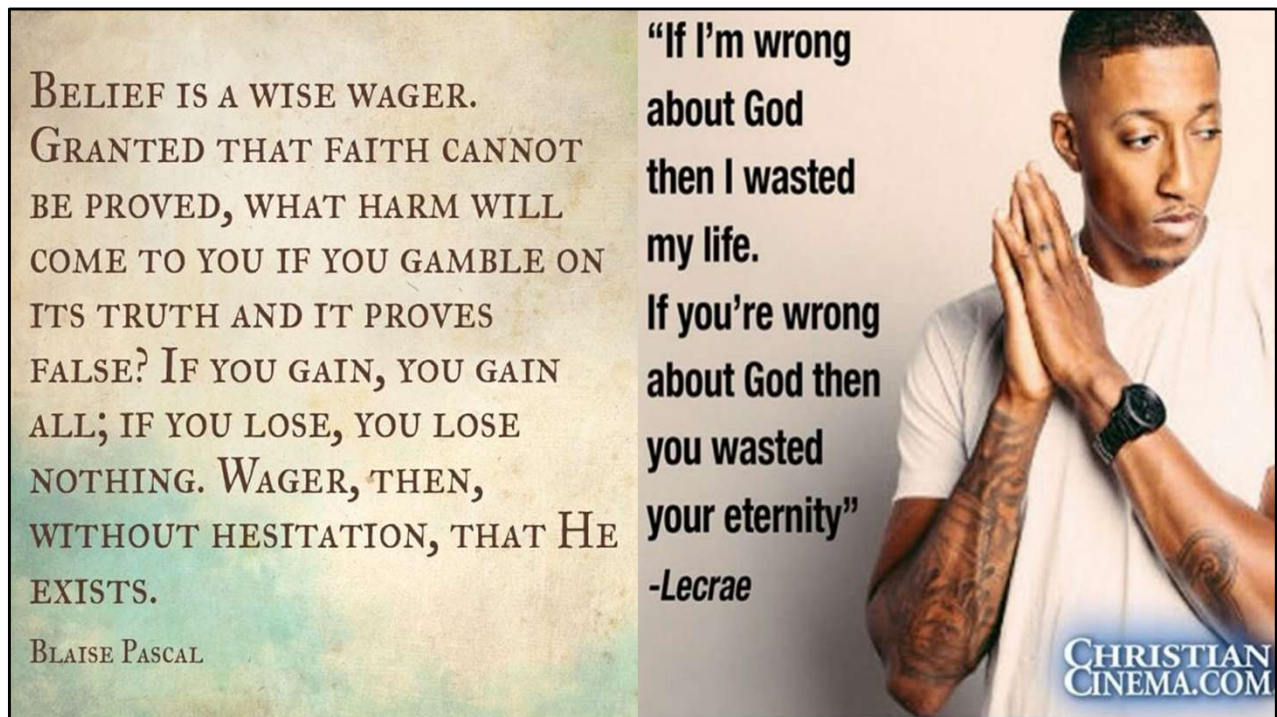
[Act 6:14 NASB20] 14 for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses handed down to us."

[Act 22:8 NASB20] 8 "And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'





Would they have had the blood of Christ on them? On their hands? Their clothes,  
Splashing about in puddles of His blood?  
How much blood would there have been after 39 lashes, nails, crown of thorns



Belief is a wise wager. Granted that faith cannot be proved, what harm will come to you IF you gamble on its truth and it proves false? If you gain, you gain ALL; If you lose, you lose NOTHING. Wager then without hesitation that HE exists!

If I'm wrong about God then I wasted my life. If you're wrong about God then you wasted your eternity!

Life's a gamble. Or life is full of risks! But death is for Sure! What comes after death!! God has set eternity in men's hearts

Man is hostile toward God! We are not impartial observers. The Onus is on us! Why are we unwilling to consider the evidence and informed faith that much of the world has accepted as fact for 2000 years?!

Faith is not meant to be based on criteria but on love! We must come to God in faith! Heb.11

Even IF Christianity as a whole isn't true, its better than all the alternatives by means of its foundational principles sparing us the heartaches of sinful living! Atheism has murdered Millions and invited cold tyranny around the world!

[1Co 15:19 NASB20] 19 If we have hoped in Christ only in this life, we are of all people most to be pitied.

## Pascal's wager

† “THEY CAST LOTS FOR MY CLOTHING.”

† How calloused and oblivious could these soldier be?! Do not play games with Christ!

† Is trusting Jesus a gamble? No, but . . .

- Believing in Christ is not a roll of the dice!
- Put all your eggs in only 1 basket! All \$\$\$ on one spot
- Who has the most to lose? Who has the most proof!

Our faith is NOT blind! Its in a person! Its in His love!

We are saved by faith, not fact! Even the Devils believe and tremble! Heb.11, [Jas 2:19 NASB20] 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

The Onus is ON US! One thing is certain! We will all die and our choices will have consequences in this life and the next!

**In other words!** Pascal was graciously trying to engage the atheistic skeptic  
**Eternity is not a game!** We ALL live by some measure of faith! Its ALL or nothing!  
You're playing for keeps! We are all in the game! It's a matter of Abundant and eternal Life or Death, the 2<sup>nd</sup> death in a lake of fire!

**Go with the best Odds!** Ask God for open eyes! Ask Him to save you from the deceitfulness of your own heart and the subjectiveness of your judgments. Is it possible, is there enough evidence to consider Jesus is God? Its not that we are all born skeptics, we are all born sinners, rebels and haters of God and see poorly through that false lens!

**The Onus is ON US!** God doesn't answer to us but we WILL answer to Him! He takes it very personally!

**Why not give God a "Chance"?** Its not that Christianity has been tried and found lacking! Its that its been found difficult and left untried! Chesterton

[Jhn 19:23-24 NASB20] 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts: a part to each soldier, and the tunic [also;] but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. 24 So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it, [to decide] whose it shall be." [This happened] so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: "**THEY DIVIDED MY GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES, AND THEY CAST LOTS FOR MY CLOTHING.**" Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Prophecies fulfilled:

1. Jhn 19:10 NASB20] 10 So Pilate said to Him, "**Are you not speaking to me?** Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"
2. Jhn 19:24, 28, 35-37 NASB20] 24 So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it, [to decide] whose it shall be." [This happened] so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: "**THEY DIVIDED MY GARMENTS AMONG THEMSELVES, AND THEY CAST LOTS FOR MY CLOTHING.**" Therefore the soldiers did these things. ...
3. 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that **the Scripture would be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty."** ...
4. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. 36 For these things took place so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: "**NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN.**"
5. 37 And again another Scripture says, "**THEY WILL LOOK AT HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED.**"

[Isa 53:7 NASB20] 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; **Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.**

[Mat 26:63 NASB20] 63 But Jesus kept silent. And **the high priest said to Him, "I place You under oath by the living God,** to tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

[Mat 27:14 NASB20] 14 **And [still] He did not answer him in regard to even a single charge, so the governor was greatly amazed.**

[Mar 15:5 NASB20] 5 But Jesus said nothing further in answer, so Pilate was amazed.

[Luk 23:9 NASB20] 9 And he questioned Him at some length; but He offered him no answer at all.

[Jhn 19:9 NASB20] 9 and he entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

[1Pe 2:23 NASB20] 23 and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting [Himself] to Him who judges righteously;

[Act 8:32-33 NASB20] 32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "HE WAS LED LIKE A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND LIKE A LAMB THAT IS SILENT BEFORE ITS SHEARER, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. 33 "IN HUMILIATION HIS JUSTICE WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL DESCRIBE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE EARTH."



[Psa 22:18 NASB20] 18 **They divide my garments among them, And they cast lots for my clothing.**

[Psa 22:15 NASB20] 15 **My strength is dried up like a piece of pottery, And my tongue clings to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.**

[Psa 69:21 NASB20] 21 They also gave me a bitter herb in my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

[Exo 12:46 NASB20] 46 "It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring any of the meat outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

[Num 9:12 NASB20] 12 "They shall not leave any of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; they shall celebrate it in accordance with the whole statute of the Passover.

[Psa 22:14 NASB20] 14 **I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.**

[Psa 34:20 NASB20] 20 He protects all his bones, Not one of them is broken.

[Psa 35:10 NASB20] 10 All my bones will say, "LORD, who is like You, Who rescues the afflicted from one who is too strong for him, And the afflicted and the poor from one who robs him?"

[Psa 22:16-17 NASB20] 16 **For dogs have surrounded me;** A band of evildoers has encompassed me; **They pierced my hands and my feet.** 17 **I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;**

[Zec 12:10 NASB20] 10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of pleading, **so that they will look at Me whom they pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.**

[Rev 1:7 NASB20] **7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.**

[Gen 3:21 NASB20] 21 And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

[Isa 61:10 NASB20] 10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will be joyful in my God; For **He has clothed me with garments of salvation,** He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a groom puts on a turban, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

[Isa 61:3 NASB20] 3 To grant those who mourn [in] Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, **The cloak of praise instead of a disheartened spirit.** So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

[Luk 15:22 NASB20] 22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet;

[Rom 13:14 NASB20] 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to [its] lusts.

[Gal 3:27 NASB20] 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselves with Christ.

[Phl 3:9 NASB20] 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from [the] Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which [comes] from God on the basis of faith,

[Rev 7:9, 13-14 NASB20] 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and [all the] tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches [were] in their hands; ... 13 Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

[Rev 21:2 NASB20] 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

[Psa 45:14 NASB20] 14 She will be brought to the King in colorful garments; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to You.

[Eze 16:8-10 NASB20] 8 "Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My garment over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine," declares the Lord GOD. 9 "Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you, and anointed you with oil. 10 "I also clothed you with colorfully woven cloth and put sandals of fine leather on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

[Rev 19:7-8 NASB20] 7 "Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself." 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright [and] clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

[Rev 21:9 NASB20] 9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

In the book *Science Speaks*, Peter Stoner and Robert Newman discuss the statistical improbability of one man, whether accidentally or deliberately, fulfilling just eight of the prophecies Jesus fulfilled. The chance of this happening, they say, is 1 in  $10^{17}$  power. Stoner presents a scenario that illustrates the magnitude of such odds:

Suppose that we take  $10^{17}$  silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote using their own wisdom.

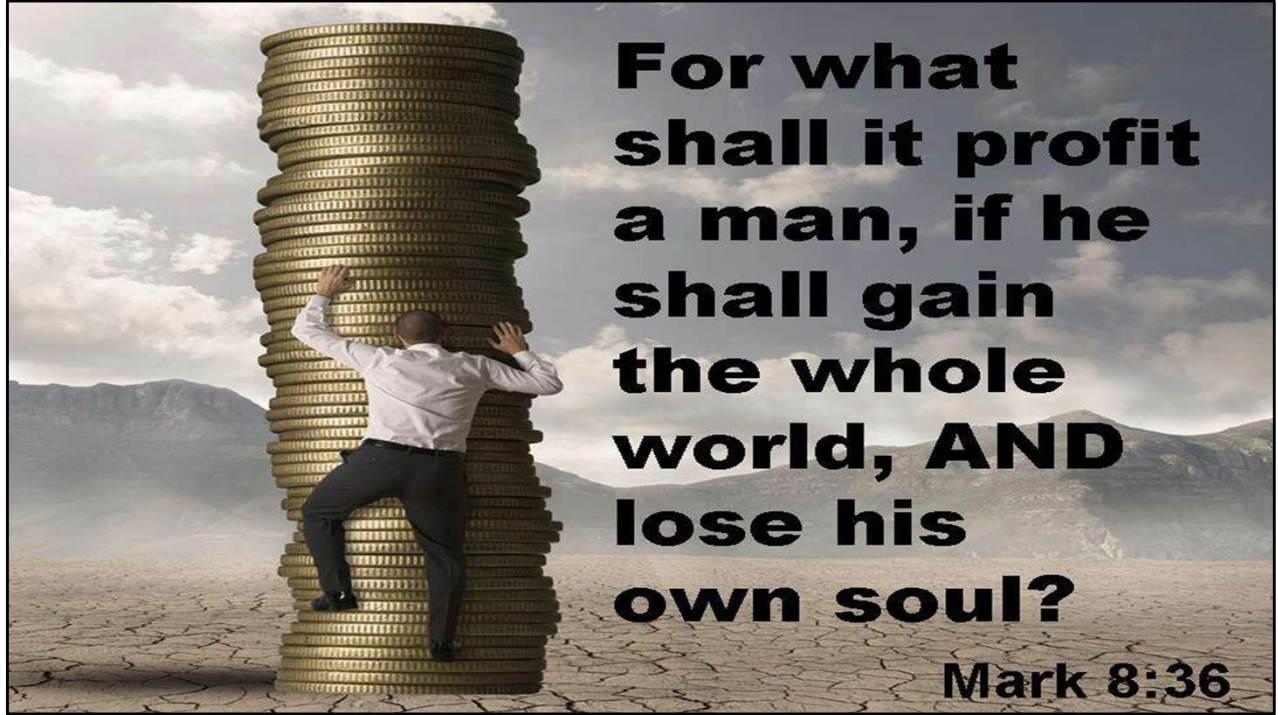
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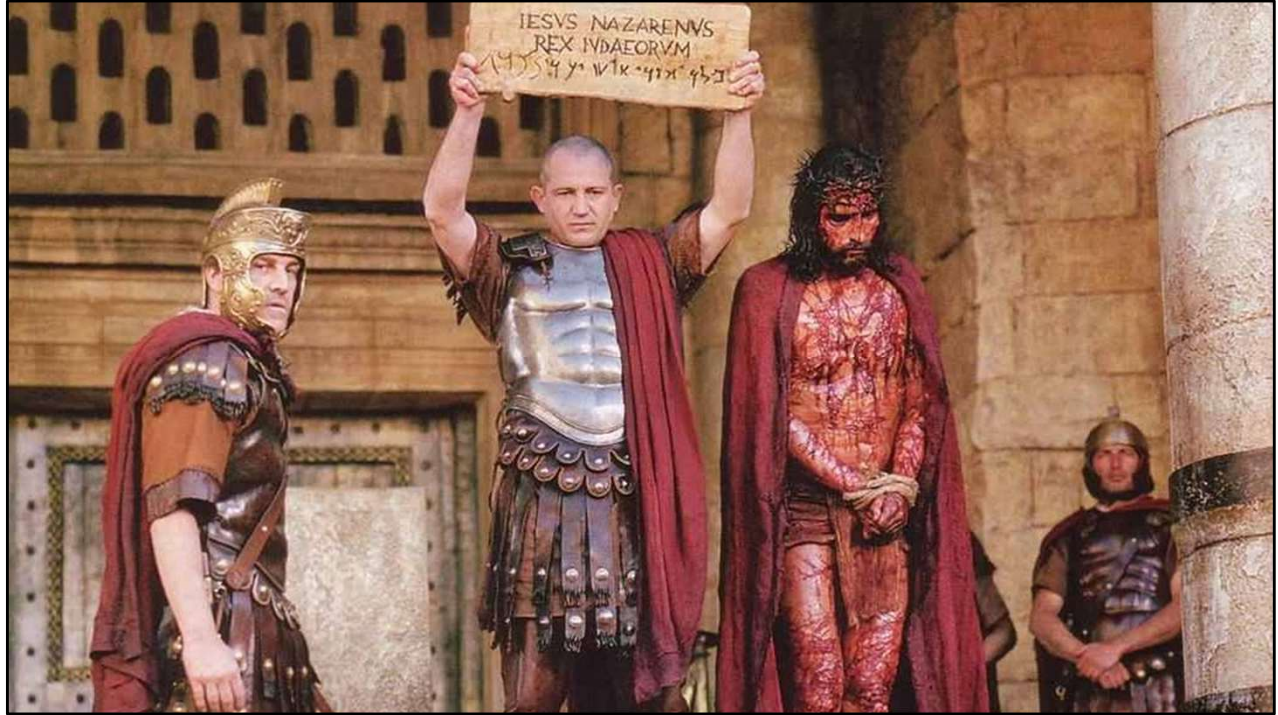
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21. The Messiah's blood will atone for our sins (Lev. 17:11) Matt. 26:28
22. The Messiah would be fed with vinegar and gall (Psalm 69:21) Matt. 27:34
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9. Messiah would be hated without cause. Psalm 35:19 Psalm 69:4 John 15:24-25
10. Messiah would be [crucified](#) with criminals. Isaiah 53:12 Matthew 27:38 Mark 15:27-28
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How could the Jews collude with the Romans who oppressed them to murder a man who did nothing but good?!

What placard do you have nailed over Jesus' cross?

## Pierced!

† 3 Mary's at the Cross!

† Luke 2:30-34

† Isaiah 53:5; Psalm 22:16-17; Zechariah 12:10;  
Revelation 1:7

† Genesis 2:21-23?? – pericardial effusion?  
– Psalm 69:20

[Jhn 19:25 NASB20] 25 Now beside the cross of Jesus stood **His mother**, His mother's sister, **Mary the [wife] of Clopas**, and **Mary Magdalene**.

[Luk 2:30, 32-35 For my eyes have seen Your salvation, ... 32 A light for revelation for the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary, "Behold, this [Child] is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and as a sign to be opposed-- 35 and **a sword will pierce your own soul--to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.**"

As we celebrate Mothers Day this "Son"day, can you empathize at all with Mary as she saw her son brutalized?

•Jesus said: "I am thirsty." 19:28 which conveys what message?

•Jesus said: "It is finished!" 19:30 establishing what bedrock spiritual truth?

**Why does John make a point of telling us "one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out." 19:34. There are at least 3 reasons**

1. Isa.53 prophecies He would be

2. Ps.22 says so! Describing the specific means of Jesus death/execution! Not stoning or beheading or...



3. Does it reflect the creation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adams wife, the church?
4. Does it show the heart of Christ? Ps.69:20-21
5. It proves that Jesus determined the moment of His own death and avoided having His legs broken

[Isa 53:1-5 NASB20] 1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of dry ground; He has no [stately] form or majesty That we would look at Him, Nor an appearance that we would take pleasure in Him. 3 He was despised and abandoned by men, A man of great pain and familiar with sickness; And like one from whom [people] hide their faces, He was despised, and we had no regard for Him. 4 However, [it was] our sicknesses [that] He Himself bore, And our pains [that] He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated. 5 **But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being [was laid] upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.**

[Gen 2:21-23 NASB20] 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then **He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.** 22 And the **LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.** 23 Then the man said, "**At last this is bone of my bones,** And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called 'woman,' Because she was taken out of man."

Psa 69:20-21 **Disgrace has broken my heart,** and I am so sick. And I waited for sympathy, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none. 21 They also gave me a bitter herb in my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

[Psa 22:16-17 NASB20] 16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; **They pierced my hands and my feet.** 17 I can count all my bones. They look, **they stare at me;**

[Zec 12:10 NASB20] 10 "And **I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of pleading, so that they will look at Me whom they pierced; and they will mourn for Him, like one mourning for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.**

[Rev 1:7 NASB20] 7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, **and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.** So it is to be. Amen.

3 Marys at the Cross! Why weren't they afraid? Where are the Disciples? Mary of Nazareth, Jesus' Mom must've had a different perspective. On this Mothers day, How would you have felt?

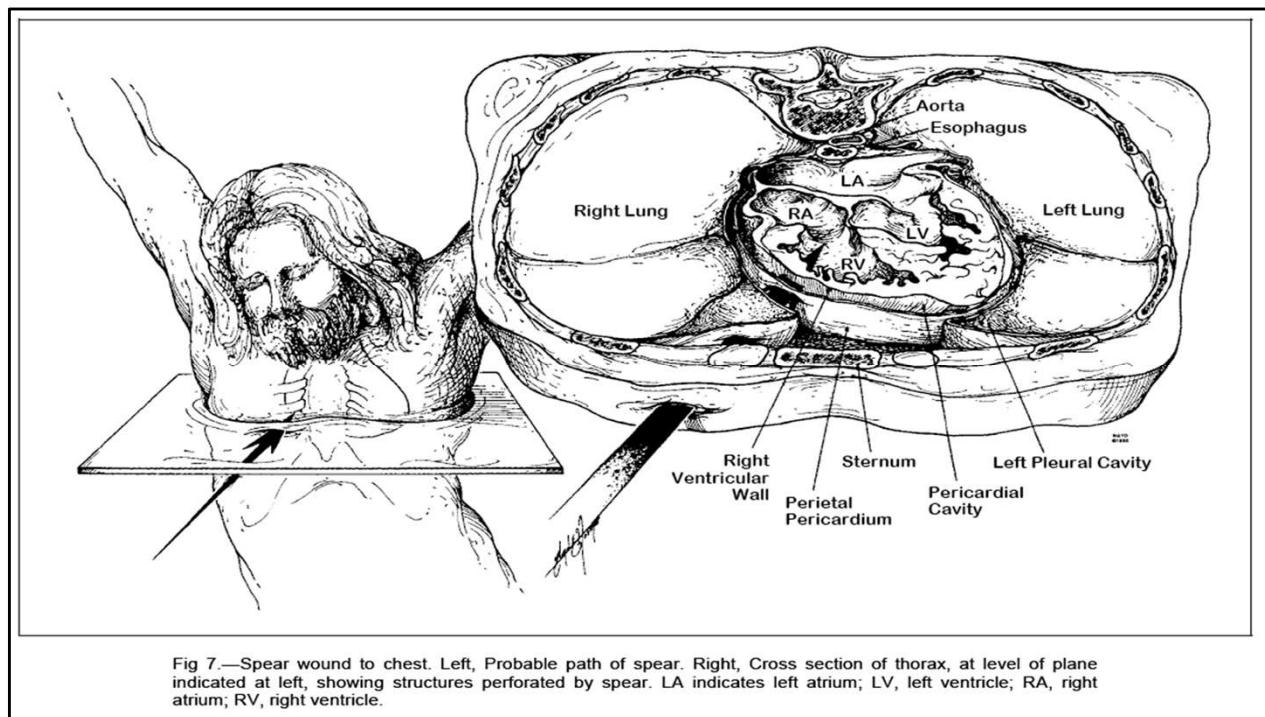


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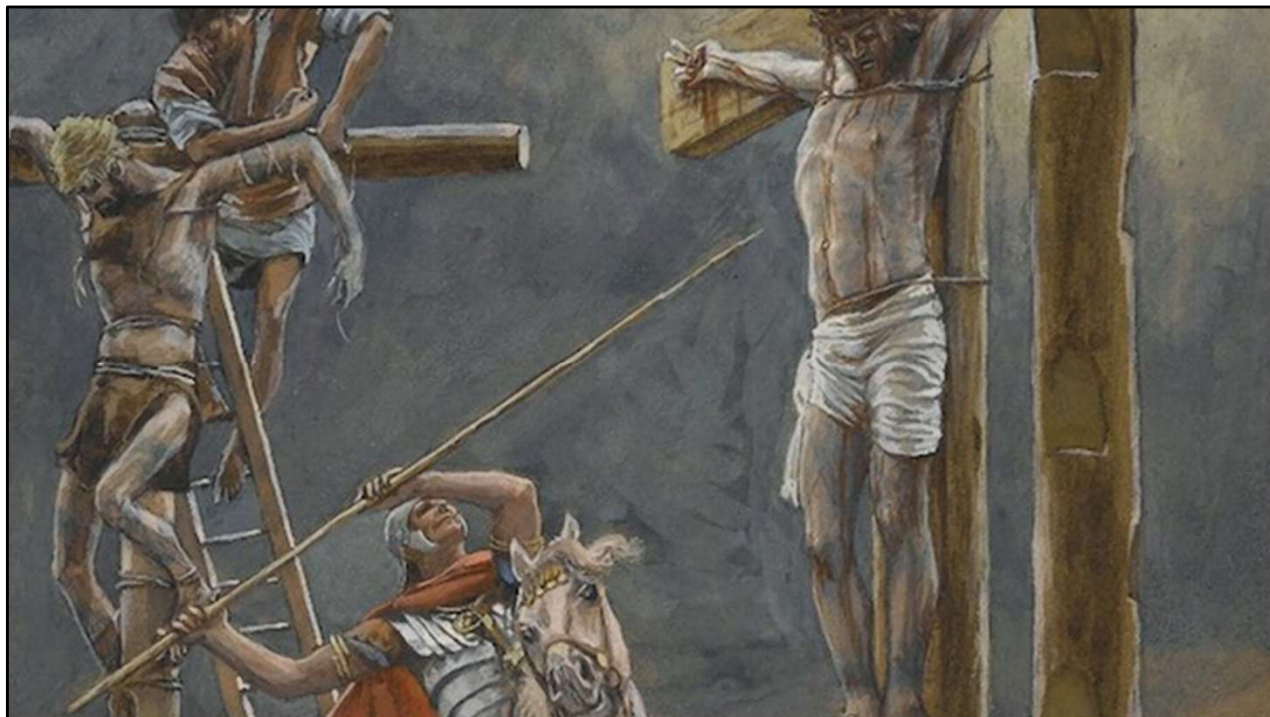
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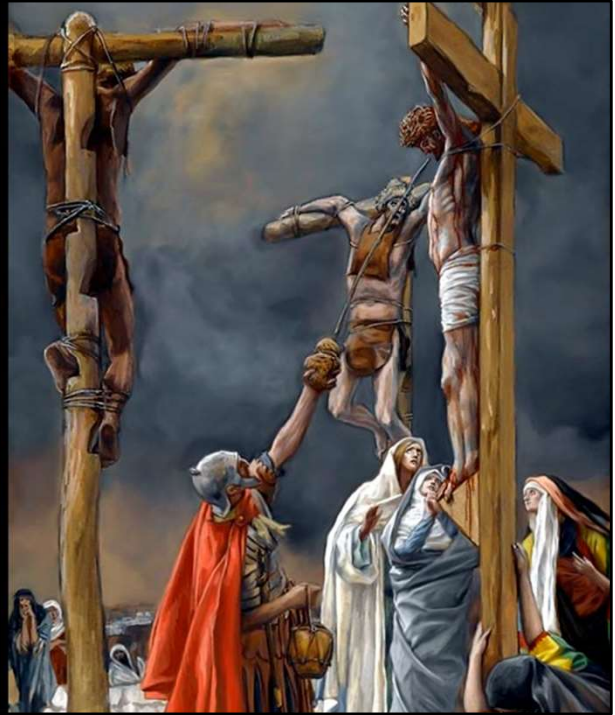
In summary, there were both practical and prophetic reasons for the blood and water that flowed from the side of Jesus at His crucifixion. The pierced side confirmed His human death while also fulfilling the messianic prophecies mentioned by John.

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Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

John 19:30



[Jhn 10:11-13, 17-18 NASB20] 11 "**I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.** 12 "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters [the flock.] 13 "[He flees] because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep. ... 17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, **because I lay down My life so that I may take it back.** 18 "**No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it back. This commandment I received from My Father.**"

## A secret disciple? NO such thing!

- † Jesus was not ashamed to call us brothers!
- † Joseph and Nicodemus! - Jn 3, 7:46-52, 19:39
- † Mt 10:32-33; Lk 9:26; 2 Tim 2:12; Lk 14:26-27
- † Love is demonstrably unashamed!

**Is it possible to be a secret disciple? What does it say that Joseph and Nic asked Pilate for Jesus' body?**

[Jhn 19:38 NASB20] 38 Now after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but **a secret [one] for fear of the Jews**, requested of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.

**Mat 10:32-33 "Therefore, everyone who confesses Me before people, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 "But whoever denies Me before people, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.**

[Luk 9:26 NASB20] 26 "**For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory and [the glory] of the Father and the holy angels.**

[Luk 12:9 NASB20] 9 **but the one who denies Me before people will be denied before the angels of God.**

[2Ti 2:12 NASB20] 12 **If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He will also deny us;**

[1Jo 2:23 NASB20] 23 **Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.**



**[Luk 14:26-27 NASB20] 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. 27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.**

[1Jo 4:3 NASB20] 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the [spirit] of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world.

[2Jo 1:7 ESV] 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Jhn 3:1, 4 **Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;** ... 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a person be born when he is old? He cannot enter his mother's womb a second time and be born, can he?"

[Jhn 7:46-48 The officers answered, "Never has a man spoken in this way!" 47 The Pharisees then replied to them, "You have not been led astray too, have you? 48 "Not one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?

[Jhn 7:50 NASB20] 50 Nicodemus (the one who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them,

[Jhn 7:51-52 NASB20] 51 "Our Law does not judge the person unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?" 52 They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee as well, are you? Examine [the Scriptures,] and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

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[Jhn 19:39 NASB20] 39 **Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came,** bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred litras [weight.]

### **Look Who's Afraid!**

[Mar 15:44 NASB20] 44 Now **Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.**

[Jhn 9:22 NASB20] 22 **His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews;** for the Jews had already reached the decision that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, **he was to be excommunicated from the synagogue.**

[Jhn 12:42 NASB20] 42 Nevertheless **many, even of the rulers, believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing [Him,] so that they would not be excommunicated from the synagogue;**

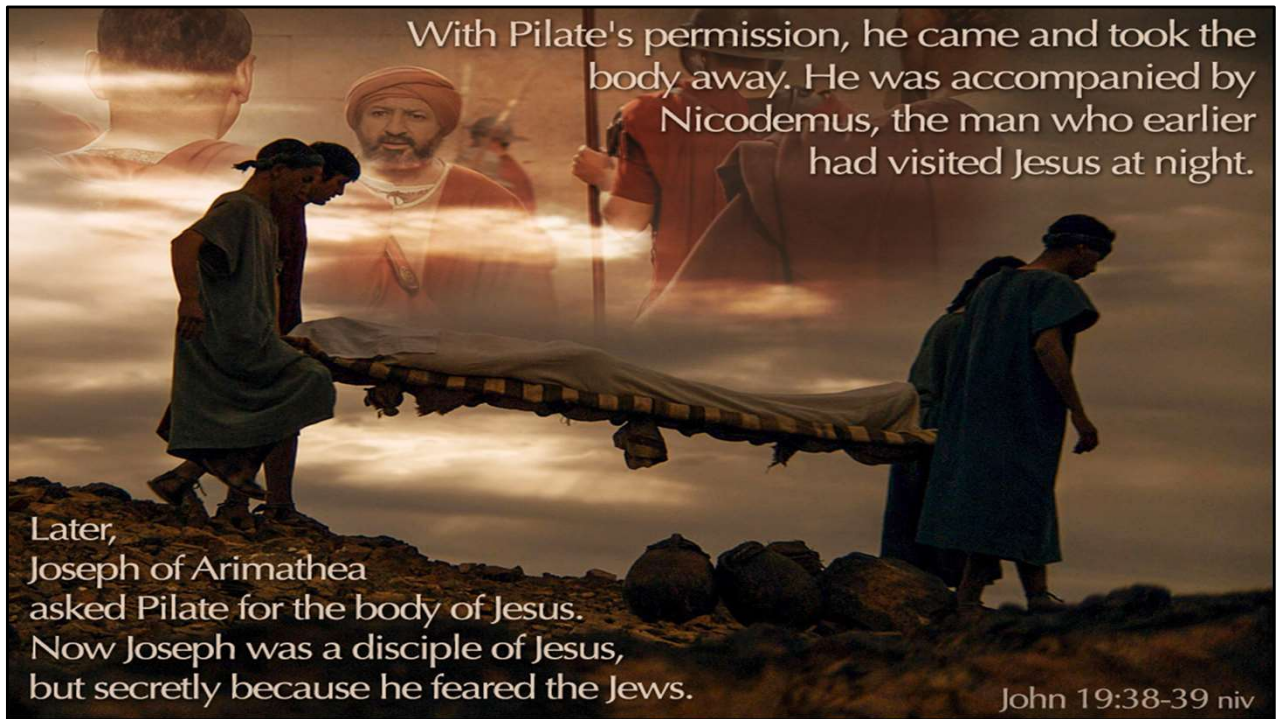
[Jhn 12:43 NASB20] 43 **for they loved the approval of people rather than the approval of God.**

[Jhn 19:8 NASB20] 8 Therefore when **Pilate heard this statement, he was [even] more afraid;**

[Pro 29:25 NASB20] 25 The fear of man brings a snare, But one who trusts in the LORD will be protected.

**But NOT Jesus or His follower's!**

**[Mat 10:28 "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**



With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews.

John 19:38-39 niv



## Love treasures the other above all!

- † Jesus has got YOUR Back! By His stripes . . .
- † You face an **Unconditional Ultimatum!**  
**Choose!**
- † Jesus made himself out to be the Son of God

Unavoidable Ultimatum

Who do you make yourself out to be, when you decide Jesus is unworthy of...

Jesus Loved you and I with ALL! But we didn't deserve it! He does!

Character is who you are when No one is looking, or better yet when we don't care anymore who is looking! John Wooden

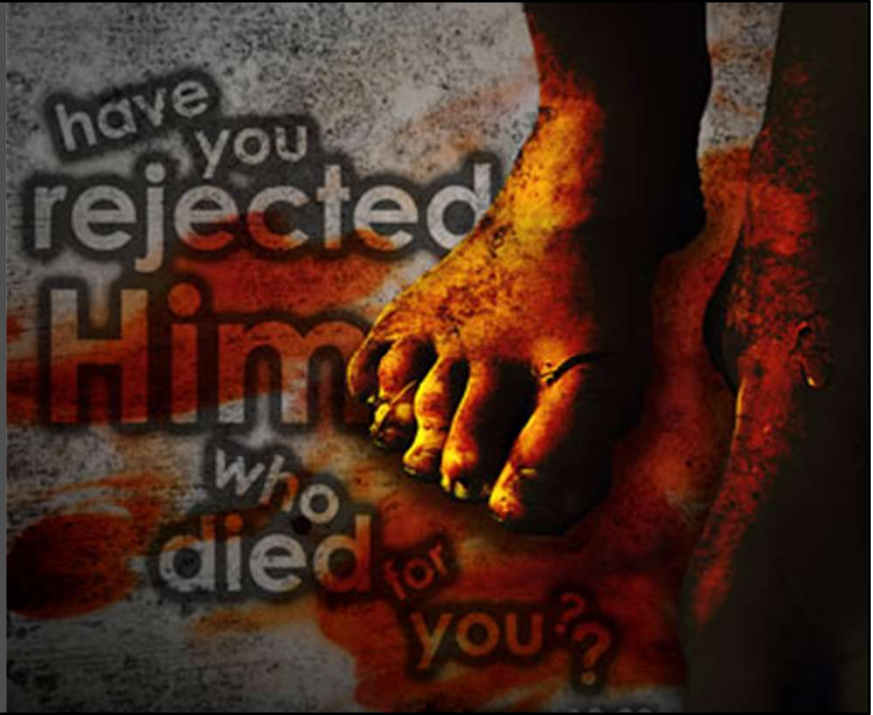
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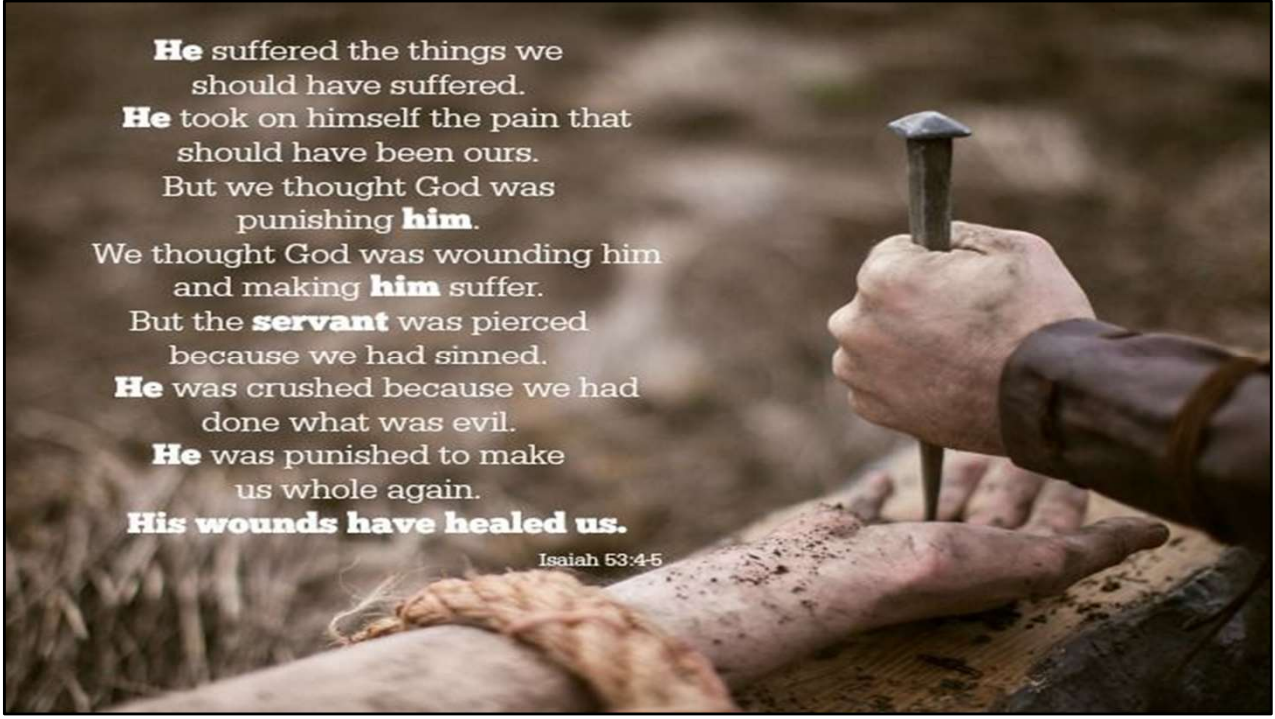
- † Have you considered Pascal's wager?  
At great risk!
- † Who you are when no one sees!



**How much more severe punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?**

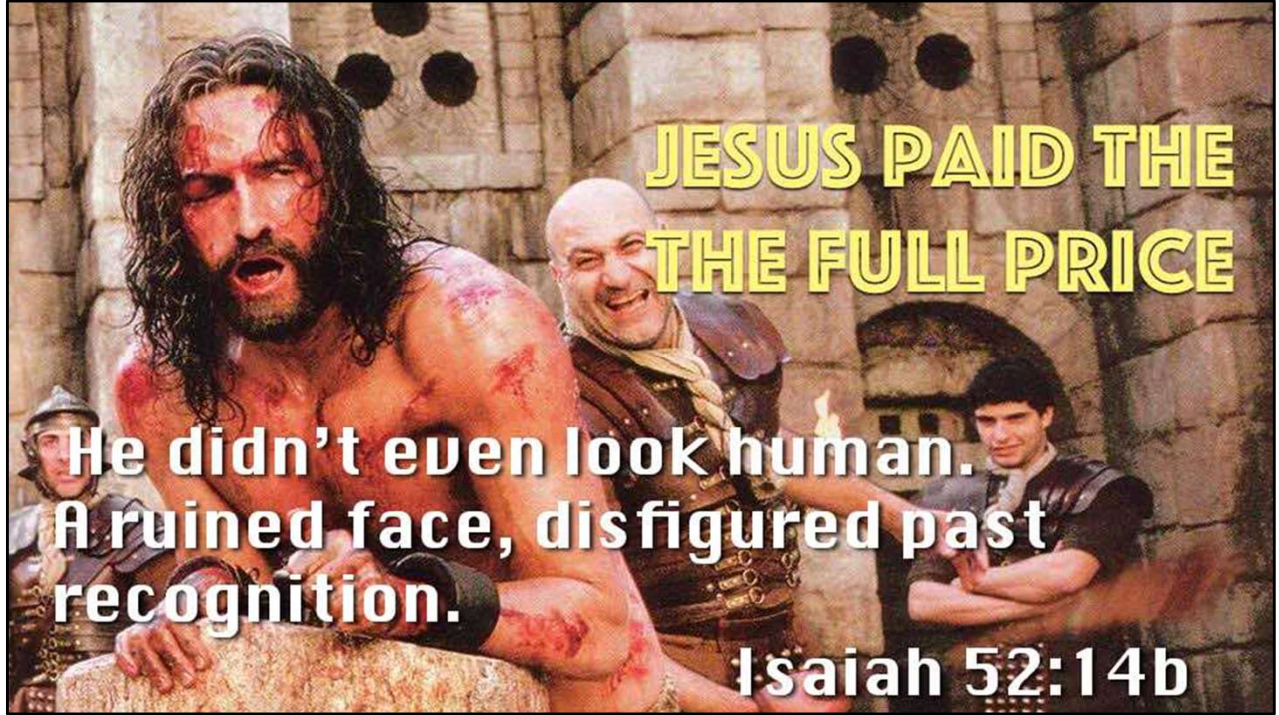
**- Hebrews 10:29 -**





**He** suffered the things we  
should have suffered.  
**He** took on himself the pain that  
should have been ours.  
But we thought God was  
punishing **him**.  
We thought God was wounding him  
and making **him** suffer.  
But the **servant** was pierced  
because we had sinned.  
**He** was crushed because we had  
done what was evil.  
**He** was punished to make  
us whole again.  
**His wounds have healed us.**

Isaiah 53:4-5



**JESUS PAID THE  
THE FULL PRICE**

**He didn't even look human.  
A ruined face, disfigured past  
recognition.**

**Isaiah 52:14b**

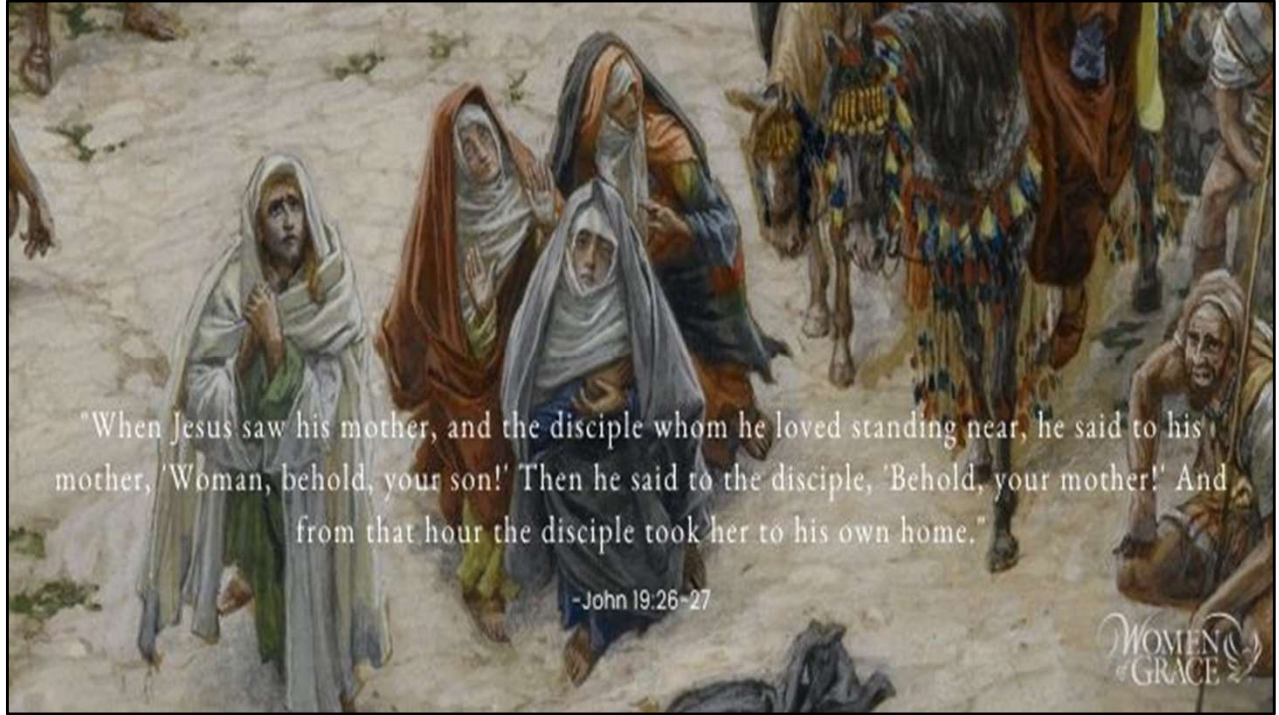












"When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

- John 19:26-27

WOMEN  
& GRACE



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