



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 23:1-12 (NAS)

Topic: "The Trial of Jesus"

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- 1 Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate.
- 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."
- 3 So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "It is as you say."
- 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."
- 5 But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee even as far as this place."
- 6 When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.
- 7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.
- 8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him.
- 9 And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing.
- 10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.
- 11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.
- 12 Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other.

I. THE CASE BROUGHT BEFORE PILATE

- A. It Was Early In The Morning
- B. Brought By A Troublesome Crowd Of Hebrews
- C. Pilate's First Response, "Judge Him Yourselves"
- D. Their Desire Was For A Death Penalty
- E. Rome Did Not Permit Them To Carry Out Capital Punishment
- F. Jesus Was Being Thrust Upon Pilate
- G. Pilate Was Looking For Middle Ground (Indecision)
- H. What Will You Do With Jesus? *Matthew 27:22*

II. THE JEWISH LEADERS

- A. They Had Willfully Rejected Christ
- B. They Bore An Even Greater Burden Than Pilate *John 19:11*
- C. Their Accusations Were False *Luke 23:2*
 1. The first two were out and out lies
 2. The third was a misrepresentation of the truth
- D. Their Accusations Were Based In Envy *Mark 15:10*

III. JESUS SENT TO HEROD

- A. Luke Is The Only One Who Carries This Account
- B. Galilee Was Herod's Jurisdiction
- C. Pilate Passed The Buck
- D. Herod Was Glad To See Jesus
- E. He Was Curious And Interested In Theology
- F. Jesus Refused To Answer His Questions
- G. He Mocked Jesus And Sent Him Back To Pilate

IV. THREE NEGATIVE EXAMPLES

- A. Rejecting Christ With Full Knowledge Out Of Envy
- B. Pilate Unwilling To Make A Decision
- C. Idol Curiosity *1 Corinthians 8:1*