

PILATE ON TRIAL – Part 2

Sermon 88 in the Matthew Series

John 18:37-38; Matthew 27:15-26

I. So, you are a King? John 18:37-38

A. King Jesus

1. For this cause I was born

Matt 2:1-2 -- behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

2. His kingdom is a spiritual kingdom

B. What is Truth?

C. How Christ is a King Today

D. The Sentence Passed – Not Guilty

II. The Trial before Herod -- Luke 23:4-17

Isa 53:7 -- He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

A. Background on Herod

Luke 13:31-33 -- Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

³² And He said to them, "**Go, tell that fox,**

B. A Mockery of a Trial

Isa. 53:2-3 -- He has no form or comeliness – He is despised and rejected by men.

v. 11 – *treated him with contempt.*

Literally -- *counted him as nothing or worthless.*

III. Jesus Before Pilate Again – Matthew 27:15-26

A. Jesus or Barabbas v. 15-18

B. The Dream of Pilate's Wife v. 19

C. Crucify Him v. 20-23

D. Blood Guilt v. 24-25

1. His blood be upon us – and our children!

You should be able to trust your leaders – especially your religious leaders.

Deut. 17:8,9 – If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

2. I am innocent of his blood

Acts 4:27-28 -- For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.