

Pilate's Colossal Failure

John 18:38–19:16

**Introduction:** Review

**I. Pilate's first attempt to appease Man. John 18:38–40**

**A. *Pilate's perfect plan.***

**Matthew 27:16** At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

**Mark 15:7** The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection.

**B. *The crowd's evil hearts.***

**Acts 3:14** “But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

**II. Pilate's Second Attempt to Appease Man. John 19:1– 7**

**A. *Rejection of the truth.*** 19:1–3

Truth rejected through scourging. v.1

**Mark 15:15** Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Truth rejected through mocking. vv.2–3

**B. *Support of the truth.*** 19:4–5

Innocent.

Harmless.

**C. *Evil prevails.*** 19:6–7

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### **III. Pilate's mounting fear. John 19:8–12.**

Reason #1 Fear of offending a divine person.

Reason #2 Fear of inciting a riot.

Reason #3 Fear of angering Tiberius.

### **IV. Pilate's fatal decision. 19:13–16**

**Proverbs 17:15** He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.

**1 Samuel 8:7** The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.