

**Pontius Pilate: A Study in Contrasts:****Acts 4:27-28****Three: GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & PILATE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

## I. Pilate's Responsibility (v27)

v25-6 quote Psalm 2: rage against the Lord and His Anointed

This fulfilled in Jesus' trial. Note particularly Pilate:

## A. Started well

Refuse rubber stamp Sanhedrin's verdict

Acquitted Jesus 6x:

Jn 18:38

Lk 23:14-15

Lk 23:22

Jn 19:4

Jn 19:6

Matt 27:24

Tries to release Him 7x:

Lk 23:4

Lk 23:14-16

Jn 18:38-39

Lk 23:22

Jn 19:4-6

Jn 19:12

Matt 24-25

## B. Tries to escape responsibility 4x

Jn 18:31: you judge

Lk 23:5-7: Herod

Mk 15:6-10: not Barabbas!

Mt 27:24-25: innocent!

## C. Knew about Jesus before that morning

## D. Avoids Jesus' overtures

## E. Knows Jesus only accused out of envy (Matt 27:18)

## F. Ignores wife's warnings (from God!)

## G. Is deeply impressed by Jesus (egs Mt 27:12-14 "amazed";

Jn 19:6-7 hears His claim to be Son of God and does not laugh!)

## H. Hypocritical show of Roman "justice": then submits to mob rule

- I. What happened to Pilate afterward?
  - 1. The guard and the empty tomb!  
Note the reason was because He said He would rise from the dead!
  - 2. Then hears of the resurrection
  - 3. The Samaritan incident in 36 AD
  - 4. Speculations on his end.

II. God's Sovereignty (v28)

- A. Psm 22 pictured Messiah crucified
- B. Jn 18:31-32 cf. Matt 20:19; 26:2; Jn 12:7
- C. Isa 52:13-15; 53:10

III. How do they come together?

Notice no attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ in v27-8 (cf. 2:23)

Notice truth of v28 great comfort to them in their distress and danger  
But the place was shaken and they emboldened "after **they**"

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Romans 8:28: God is working in every detail of your life, as you make good and poor choices, consistent with His eternal love for you and your good, accomplished in Christ.

Where do you need to believe that?