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(Basic Bible in English)

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Jesus has been arrested and He's going through the legal system.

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**28 ¶ Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.** The high priest at that time had a dual role as modified by the Romans who did what they wanted to do, not what God wanted them to do. Passover is about to start as they were leading Christ to the courtroom. They had to be done by 6 p.m. so it was probably 6 a.m. when they started this process. They are leading Him to the judgment hall. This was an area where Pilate would move to Jerusalem and bring his soldiers with him to keep down the riots in Jerusalem because they had lots of problems. This area is an open area inside a gate, like an open courtyard. The Jews considered this area to be defiled if you walked into it. The Jews took Christ to the gate and left Him there, but they wouldn't enter the judgment area of the Romans because it was considered a sin and they wanted to partake of Passover later that evening.

**29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?** Pilate had to walk in and out to talk with the Jews and find out what the problem was with Jesus.

**30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.** The Jews said, just take Jesus and do what you want with Him. He wouldn't be here if He wasn't a criminal. Jews didn't have the power of capitol punishment, but the Romans did.

**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:** The Jews wanted Jesus put the death and they wanted the Roman's approval of this execution.

**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?** Pilate has walked back into the courtyard to talk to Christ.

**34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?** Notice how Jesus turns this around. Christ answers Pilate's question with another question.


**35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?** Pilate hated the Jews. He did everything he could to antagonize them. His bosses told him to cool it and quit bothering the Jews.

**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.**

Jesus is talking about the world system that man has set up. Jesus says He does have a kingdom, but its not in opposition to the Roman Empire or anything else on earth. If it was, His people would fight.

**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.** Notice this last phrase: every one that is of the truth hears His voice. How many people do you know that seek the truth? So many people are misled by lies and don't even know it. Jesus says if you do seek the truth, you're going to find it and not be fooled. You are basing your entire eternal life based on what you say and what you find, so seek the truth diligently; pray about it before you begin your search.

**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.** Pilate asks Jesus; what is the truth? He goes back out to the Jews who wouldn't come in the courtyard; Pilate could find no crime with which to charge Jesus. Pilate's



greatest aspirations were all political. He married a woman in a powerful political family to get his position. He passes on out of history after this incident.

**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?** Pilate has had enough of this nonsense. He leaves the decision to the Jews of which of the accused to release.

**40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.** He was more than a robber; he was a revolutionary and they had been after Barabbas for a long time.

#### John 19:1-11

**1 ¶ Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.** The scourging process was/is awful. Most people didn't live through it.

**2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,** they were mocking Jesus.

**3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.**

**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.** This is all done inside the judgment hall exclusively. The Jews were outside the gate. Pilate brings Jesus back to the Jews at the gate.

**5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!**

**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.** The Jews weren't satisfied with Jesus being beat to the bone, the skin stripped from Him; they wanted Him dead. But Pilate again said, this Jesus has done nothing wrong! He wasn't going to kill Jesus when he couldn't find fault with Him.

**7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.** The Jews answer Pilate about their law that anyone who claimed to be the Messiah should be killed, even though others had come and said the same thing and were left alone.

**8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;** Pilate's political position in Rome is not very secure so he's getting scared that he'll lose his position of power if he doesn't listen to these Jews.

**9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.**

**10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?**

**11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.** When Jesus makes this statement that the one who delivered Him to Pilate has the greater sin, He's talking about the Jews. The Roman government received their portion of sin-blaming by executing Him. The Jews and the Romans broke every law when they tried Jesus. Nothing at all was honest about this trial. The Jews just plain ol' hated Jesus Christ. This law breaking shows their absolute hatred of Jesus Christ and did everything they could till He was crucified.