

# He Made Himself the Son of God

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## Jesus was an innocent man!

1. Pilate pronounced Him innocent 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**.
2. Judas acknowledged that He had betrayed innocent blood Matthew 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the **innocent blood**. And they said, *What is that to us? see thou to that*.
3. Pilate's wife knew He was innocent! Matthew 27:19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto

him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that **just man:** for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

4. Herod knew that He was innocent [Luke 23:15](#) No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, **nothing worthy of death** is done unto him.
  5. The thief knew He was innocent [Luke 23:41](#) And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but **this man hath done nothing amiss.**
  6. The centurion knew He was innocent [Luke 23:47](#) Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a **righteous man.**
  7. The crowd at the cross knew that He was innocent [Matthew 27:54](#) Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.**
- Pilate says Behold the man! Maybe he thought they would see Him and realize that they had done enough. Maybe He hoped they would see the suffering and have pity. Picture Jesus as He stands there

- He has been scourged **Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.** This was a beating or whipping. The beating even by Jewish standards was harsh **Deuteronomy 25:2-3** **And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number. 3 Forty stripes** he may give him, *and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.* Under the Roman method of “scourging,” the person was stripped and tied in a bending posture to a pillar, or stretched on a frame. The “scourge” was made of leather thongs, weighted with sharp pieces of bone or lead, which tore the flesh of both the back and the breast.<sup>1</sup> **Psalm 22:17** **I may tell all my bones: They look and stare upon me.**
- They mocked Him by placing a crown of thorns on His head and then a purple robe over the horrifically destroyed body **2** **And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a**

<sup>1</sup> Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr. (1996). *Vol. 2: Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (551). Nashville, TN: T. Nelson.

**purple robe,** He is barely recognizable as a man

Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonished at thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, And his form more than the sons of men:

- They have hit Him with their hands as they mocked Him.

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

- Picture Him as He stands there 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.** 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.**

8 When **Pilate** therefore heard that saying, he **was the more afraid;** 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.

- Notice Jesus opinion of government! You have no power except what has been given you from above!
- We look too much to Washington and a political party instead of to the One that has the real power

**12** And from thenceforth **Pilate sought to release him:** but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever **maketh himself a king** speaketh against Caesar. **13** When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. **14** And it was the

preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, **Behold your King!**

**15** But they cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your **King**? The chief priests answered, **We have no king but**

**Caesar.** **16** Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away. **17** And **he bearing his cross** went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: **18** Where **they crucified him**, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. **19** And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE **KING** OF THE JEWS. **20** This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and* Latin. **21** Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The **King** of the Jews; but that he said, I am **King** of the Jews. **22** Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. **23** Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat:

now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

1. Because He made Himself the Son of God 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.**

a. John wrote this book for this purpose 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;** and that believing ye might have life through his name.

b. His suffering and subsequent death is because He very clearly taught and they understood that He really believed that He was the Son of God. **because he**

# made himself the Son of God.

- i. To be the Son of God meant God in human flesh  
**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** **2** The same was **in the beginning with God.** **3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- ii. The Son of God is the same essence as God, fact is the Godhead entirely dwelt in Him **Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. **19** For it pleased *the Father* that **in him should all fulness dwell;** **2:9** For in him dwelleth **all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**



- iii. Jesus, the Son of God, was the very image of the invisible God **Colossians 1:15** *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*
- c. The real reason that they hate Him is that He says that He is the Son of God
  - i. They had accused Him of threatening to destroy the temple **Matthew 26:59-61** *Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, **sought false witness** against Jesus, to put him to death; 60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, 61 And said, This *fellow* said, **I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.***
  - ii. He was accused of being a malefactor, an evildoer **John 18:30** *They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.*
  - iii. They claimed He was perverting the nation, saying they shouldn't pay taxes, and calling Himself a king **Luke 23:2** *And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* **perverting the nation, and forbidding to***

**give tribute to Caesar,** saying that he himself is **Christ a King.**

iv. They claimed He was stirring up the people [Luke 23:5](#)  
And they were the more fierce, saying, **He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry,** beginning from Galilee to this place.

v. What really made them angry was that He made Himself to be the Son of God or was calling Himself God

d. As you read the Bible and ask yourself if He really claimed to be the Son of God just remember why He is being crucified

e. Jesus is the Son of God

2. Pilate sought to release Him [12](#) And from thenceforth

## **Pilate sought to release**

**him:** but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever **maketh himself a king** speaketh against Caesar.

a. After Pilate examined Jesus He wanted to release Him

- b. Hearing that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and the Jews believed it enough to put Him to death caused Pilate to be afraid **8** When **Pilate** therefore heard that saying, **he was the more afraid;**
- c. Pilate then asks where Jesus is from **9** And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, **Whence art thou?** But Jesus gave him no answer.
- d. Jesus tells Pilate that he has no true power but only what is allowed Him from Heaven **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.
- e. Pilate again seeks to release Jesus **12** And from thenceforth **Pilate sought to release him:** but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's

friend: whosoever **maketh himself a king** speaketh against Caesar.

f. Pilate as a Roman could see that there was something different about Jesus. He knew that they should release Him but they chose a robber

3. No king but Cesar **15** But they cried out, *Away with him, away with him, crucify him.* Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your **King**? The chief priests answered, **We have no king but Caesar.**

a. Pilate mocked them by saying that Jesus was their king **14** And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews,

## **Behold your King!**

b. They wanted no king but Cesar, a human king, a political king, a king they chose but definitely not God as King **15** But they cried out, *Away with him, away with him, crucify him.* Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your **King**?

The chief priests answered, **We have no king but Caesar.**

- c. Men today have much the same attitude. We want a king of our choosing. We want a king that doesn't interfere with our plans or make us see our guilt and sin
- d. The real problem is that Jesus is God and they know it. They can see it and they need to get rid of Him
- e. They reject Him because the very nature of sin is rebellion, willfulness, selfishness
- f. How do you see Him today? If He is God then you have no choice but to recognize Him as King and humble yourself. If He is king then you are not!
- g. Do most people view Jesus as King or simply as a good teacher and prophet?