



## The Holy Week Journey

Jesus:  
► To Pilate,  
► To be  
Crucified,  
► Is Mocked

Based on the Booklet  
Days 33-35

Text: Mark 15:1-19 NAS-95

Holy Week: Th 11 & 7; Fr 11 & 7; Sa 4 | Easter: 9 (breakfast 10:30)

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: In the last sermon I told you about the *secret plan of evil leaders to murder one man.*

- *Then, in secret, they arrested that man!*
- *Then, illegally, they put Him on trial multiple times!*
- *Then, they declared Him guilty of blasphemy – because He claimed to be the Christ, the Holy One of God!*
- *Now, no longer in secret, and having gained the support of an ignorant and heartless mob, that man will be taken to the governor.*
- *Now, the evil leaders must convince the governor to do their dirty work, to murder the man they hate!*

The day is Good Friday; it's about 5 o'clock in the morning.

**Day 33 (Fr, 3/22) – Jesus Delivered to Pilate:** **15:1** Early in the morning [πρωῒ – in Jewish time reckoning, the fourth watch of the night (from 3:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M.)] **the chief priests with the**

elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate [the Roman Governor]. // The Council had already decided to murder Jesus, so why a consultation? It was illegal to have a trial at night – *like the previous trials.* Therefore, *to try to make things look legit*, they met and confirmed their earlier decision – *at the crack of dawn.*

<sup>2</sup> Pilate questioned [Jesus], “**Are You the King of the Jews?**” And He answered him, “***It is as you say.***” <sup>3</sup> The chief priests *began* to accuse Him harshly. <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, “**Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!**” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

- Pilate didn't care about blasphemy, the reason the Council had condemned Jesus, so they told Pilate about Jesus' claim to be **the King of the Jews** – *trying to move Pilate to murder Jesus on their behalf.*
- Whenever Jesus was asked a legitimate question, He answered. ***He is the King of the Jews*** ([Matt. 2:2](#))!

#### **Day 34 (Sa, 3/23) – Pilate Delivers Jesus to be Crucified: 15:6**

Now at *the feast* [Pilate] used to release for them *any one* prisoner whom they requested. <sup>7</sup> The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection [*a violet uprising against the Roman government.*] <sup>8</sup> The crowd went up and began asking [Pilate] *to do as he had been accustomed to do for them.*

- Let's identify the crowd: It was a multitude, *a large number*, of common people who had been deceived by the evil Jewish leaders into thinking that Jesus was guilty and needed to die.

- We have a similar multitude in the USA who have been deceived into thinking ✓the Bible is false, ✓the BIG bang is true, ✓there is no God, ✓there is no eternity, ✓there is no right and wrong, ✓genders are not limited to male and female, ✓abortion is not murder, and ✓actions have no consequences. May the Holy Spirit intervene quickly and powerfully to ➔open many closed ears, ➔enlighten many ignorant minds, ➔soften many hard hearts, and ➔lead vast multitudes to repent and believe unto eternal life!

<sup>9</sup> Pilate answered [the crowd], saying, “**Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?**” <sup>10</sup> For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

<sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd *to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead.* // The chief priests were evil leaders, but, sadly, many believed their lies – *just like many in America today*. Let’s make sure ➔our sources are reliable and ➔our information is accurate – *before taking a position.*

<sup>12</sup> Answering again, Pilate said to [the crowd], “**Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?**”

<sup>13</sup> They shouted back, “**Crucify Him!**” <sup>14</sup> But Pilate said to them, “**Why, what evil has He done?**” But they shouted all the more, “**Crucify Him!**” <sup>15</sup> Wishing to satisfy the crowd [*and save his own skin, rather than maintain justice*], Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

- I find no guilt in Him: Pilate said that *repeatedly* about Jesus ([Luke 23:4, 14, 22; John 18:38; 19:4, 6](#)), but since *his life and position* were more important to him than *justice*, he gave in to the crowd.

- Jesus was scourged: †He was stripped of His clothes, †His hands were tied to an upright post, and †He was very severely beaten!

**Day 35 (Mo, 3/25) – Jesus Is Mocked:** **15:16** The soldiers took [Jesus] away into the palace [courtyard] (that is, the Praetorium) [the governor's official residence], and they called together the whole Roman cohort [normally including 600 troops].  
<sup>17</sup> They dressed Him up in purple [mocking His claim to be the King of the Jews], and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; <sup>18</sup> and they began to [salute] Him, “**Hail, King of the Jews!**” <sup>19</sup> They kept beating His head with a reed [driving the thorns further into His head], and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him. // The mocking by the soldiers was severe. After Jesus was crucified, *many more mocked Him!*  
<sup>20</sup> After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His own garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him [to nail Him to a cross and make sure He stayed on the cross until He was dead].

**Conclusion:** What happened to Jesus was horrible, but it was all part of God's plan to ❤️ rescue us from our sins and ❤️ gift us with eternal life. The plan was †made before creation, †spoken in Eden, †written down in the OT Scriptures, and †perfectly followed by the Son of God wearing human flesh.

**Let Us Pray:** Dear Father – TY for Your plan! Dear Jesus – TY for Your perfect obedience to the plan! Dear Holy Spirit – TY for gifting us with godly sorrow and saving faith in Jesus!

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