

## 18:39-19:4 What shall I do with Jesus? 02

Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

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Pilate asks several questions that each of us face. What shall I do with Jesus, the Man, the King, the Son of God, and what is truth? Today we are going to look at Pilate's understanding of the Passover. It is amazing to see how much he misses, but then he isn't so different than many in our modern world. We as well try to question God, to escape from His truth, and to close our eyes to Him. It is a dangerous thing to play with God. Join us as we continue to look at Pilate's path to ruin.

- **Pilate's Path to Ruin.** (Politics is important!) Doesn't care about religion... 6 times No FAULT!
  - **John 18:28-33** (vs. 29) What accusation do you bring against this Man?
    - Are you the king of the Jews? Are you trying to be king? (**Luke 23:2** ...perverting the nation, forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a king.)
      - My kingdom is not of this world. (A mystic – a truth kingdom **Vs. 37** to bear witness to...)
      - **Vs. 38** I find no fault in him.
      - No fault **Luke 23:5** ...from Galilee to here He stirs up the people.
  - **Luke 23:6** Sends Jesus to Herod. Herod had wanted to see him for a long time. (**Herod's path was to play with the truth.**)
    - Same Herod who had imprisoned John the Baptist and then murdered Him.
    - **Luke 23:6-12** He wants to hear Jesus, see miracles, Christ doesn't answer.
  - Offer of release of Barabbas.
    - What was the Passover, and what can we learn about it.
      - The Passover was about judgment and provision for mercy. The Jews in Egypt, God sent Moses with a message to Pharaoh, let my people go. (Judgments on Egypt and Canaan)
        - 400 years of slavery and oppression as well as idolatry. Add to that murder of baby boys!
        - **Exodus 1:8-16** “<sup>8</sup> Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> And he said to his people, Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; <sup>10</sup> come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land. <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup> But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. <sup>13</sup> So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. <sup>14</sup> And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage-- in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor. <sup>15</sup> Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; <sup>16</sup> and he said, When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” (NKJV)
          - 1.2M to 4.3M Jewish boys killed in the 80 years of Moses' lifetime... estimate of 70k boys male firstborn killed by God.
          - **Gal. 6:7** Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (NKJV)
          - No innocents. We as a world are guilty before God. Some more explicitly, some less, but all of us have turned from God, not obeyed, not given Him the glory due His name...
  - **Genesis 15:13-21** “<sup>13</sup> Then He said to Abram: Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, **and will serve them, and they will afflict them four**

**hundred years.** <sup>14</sup> And also the nation whom they serve **I will judge**; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup> **But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.** <sup>17</sup> And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. <sup>18</sup> On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates-- <sup>19</sup> the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup> the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, <sup>21</sup> the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.” (NKJV)

- **Deu. 9:4-6** <sup>4</sup> Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land; but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD is driving them out from before you. <sup>5</sup> *It is* not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart *that* you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>6</sup> Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you *are* a stiff-necked people.” (NKJV)
  - **Lev. 18:24-29** <sup>24</sup> Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. <sup>25</sup> For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. <sup>26</sup> You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *either* any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you <sup>27</sup> (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who *were* before you, and thus the land is defiled), <sup>28</sup> lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that *were* before you. <sup>29</sup> For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people.” (NKJV)
  - rampant idolatry, incest, adultery, child sacrifice, homosexuality, and bestiality Lev. 18
    - Many examples of law codes that explicitly state these practices what was considered good and what was bad, from Egypt to Hittites to the Canaanites.
    - Queen of heaven that we hear about in Jeremiah 7 & 44 was the goddess of love with women wholly devoted to prostitution.
  - God’s standards are always the same. If anything, we are wrong in assuming that they hadn’t heard about God. Rahab knew enough to know that God was real and she chose to serve God. Ruth of Moab as well, chose to serve God. Again, you reap what you sow.
- Passover was about God’s righteousness and the need of a substitute with the shedding of blood. (The wages of sin is death! From Cain and Abel, to Christ... blood was shed as the start of getting right with God. A standard was held up, deserving judgment, that judgment was death... mercy could be had, but sin had to be covered by shedding of blood in death.)
- Pilot offers mercy without death / sacrifice. Satan offers freedom from consequence as well. If it doesn’t harm anyone...go ahead.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – no freedom from God. Lie is still a lie, truth is still truth. God IS!
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sin enslaves, always. Lust grows and needs more... This is why God is so active against sin. He also commands us to “Mortify the deeds of the flesh.”
    - **Col. 3:5-7** <sup>5</sup> Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.” (NKJV)

- **Rom 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (NKJV)
  - **Gal 5:24** And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (NKJV) Romans 12:1-2 Why Crucified???
- Son of the father vs. the true Son. **Luke 23:19** (Jailed for rebellion and murder) A murderer versus the giver of life.
  - Jesus’s harsh description – **John 8:44** “You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.” (NKJV)
  - So here they show their true lineage, they were sons of their father the devil.
    - God shows us the truth, behind the curtain. The world is not made up of “good” people. It isn’t even made up of indifferent people.
    - **Romans 3:12** “They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” (NKJV)
    - **Luke 23:1-2** <sup>1</sup> Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.” (NKJV)
  - God’s plan versus Pilate’s (satan’s) plan
    - Here Pilate’s plan will forfeit justice, kill the Son of God, bringing judgment on himself and Israel, and put Israel outside of the covering. (Man’s plan) (Not that a Jew can’t be saved, but **Romans 11:25** blindness in part has happened to Israel)
      - Humanly – High priests, Israel, and Pilate have arrived at a compromise.
      - Spiritually – Man is stopping God. Ending the ministry of Jesus. Silencing truth.
    - Yet in God’s plan: **Romans 3:25-26** <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” (NKJV)
      - The true sacrifice for sin was given and the resurrection proved it.
      - Now the true Passover Lamb would bring salvation to some in Israel AND the gentiles.
      - **Psalms 76:10** “Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; With the remainder of wrath You shall gird Yourself.” (NKJV)

As we think on our lives, we must ask how we are responding to the truth. This isn’t some intellectual exercise. God will always prevail so it is important that we start with Him and His Word. What will you do with that clear knowledge? The world is turning against Christ again. Truth is once again being shouted down. We learn these lessons for our good. Will we submit to the true Passover Lamb or will we look to devise our own version of truth? May we all remain faithful to Him.