

Which Jesus Do You Choose?

Matthew 27:15–26; Mark 15:6–15; Luke 23:13–25; John 18:39–19:7

No Guilt

Luke 23:13 ¶ Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people,

Luke 23:14 said to them, “You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined *Him* in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him;

Luke 23:15 no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him.

Luke 23:16 I will therefore chastise Him and release *Him*”

Son of the Father or Son of God

Matt. 27:15 ¶ Now at the Passover the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished.

Matt. 27:16 And at that time there was a notorious prisoner called Barabbas, *who was* chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.

Mark 15:8 Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask *him to do* just as he had always done for them.

Mark 15:9 But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you [Yeshua] Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ, the King of the Jews?”

Mark 15:10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

Pilate Warned by His Wife

Matt. 27:19 ¶ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

Which of the Two?

Matt. 27:20 ¶ But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

Matt. 27:21 The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” ¶ They said, ““Not this Man, but Barabbas!” Barabbas was a robber.

What Shall We Do With Jesus?

Matt. 27:22 ¶ Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” ¶ *They* all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!”

Matt. 27:23 ¶ Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” ¶ But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

Who is Responsible?

Matt. 27:24 ¶ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see *to it*.”

Matt. 27:25 ¶ And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.”

Matt. 27:26 ¶ Then he released Barabbas to them;

Preparation for Crucifixion

John 19:1 And then Pilate took Jesus and scourged *Him*.

John 19:2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.

John 19:3 Then they said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him with their hands.

John 19:4 ¶ Pilate then went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.”

John 19:5 ¶ Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, “Behold the Man!”

John 19:6 ¶ Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify *Him*, crucify *Him*!” ¶ Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify *Him*, for I find no fault in Him.”

John 19:7 ¶ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”