

Pontius Pilate

Resurrection Sunday  
2022

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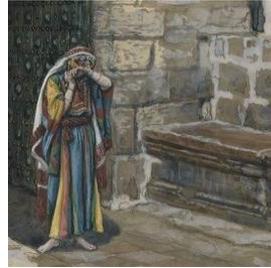


# ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS



**Mary and Martha**

*Luke 10*



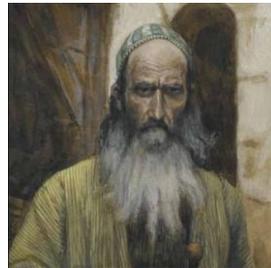
**Adulterous woman**

*John 8*



**Nicodemus**

*John 3*



**Saul**

*Acts 9*



**Zacchaeus**

*Luke 19*



**Pontius Pilate**

*John 18-19, Matt 27*



**Woman at the well**

*John 4*

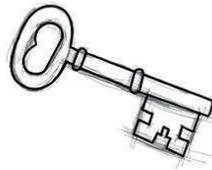


**Dying thief**

*Luke 23:39ff*

# KEY POINT

Pilate was so enamored with this world that even when he came face-to-face with truth—and he knew it—he found it inconvenient to do what he knew was right.



# HISTORICAL CONTEXT

## Pontius Pilate

- Israel was under Roman rule, with some degree of autonomy.
- Pilate had complete authority in the region
- Israel was probably not the best posting
- Josephus records other incidents where Pilate had trouble with riots
- Josephus tells of a Samaritan gold rush that led to the end of Pilate
- 1961 discovery of a stone tablet in Caesara



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## John 18:28-30 (NASB)

### Jesus before Pilate

<sup>28</sup> Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter the Praetorium, so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> Therefore Pilate came out to them and said, “**What accusation** are you bringing against this Man?” <sup>30</sup> They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you.”

### Luke 23:2

And they began to bring charges against Him, saying, “We found this man **misleading our nation and forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.**”



## Inputs / Stimuli

## Response

Jewish accusations



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## John 18:31-40 (NASB)

<sup>31</sup> So Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not [k]permitted to put anyone to death.” <sup>32</sup> This happened so that the word of Jesus which He said, indicating what kind of death He was going to die, would be fulfilled.

<sup>33</sup> Therefore Pilate entered the Praetorium again, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “You are the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Are you saying this [l]on your own, or did others tell you about Me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me; what have You done?”



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Jewish accusations

Jesus's silence

Jesus's claim

Jesus's attitude &  
demeanor



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"Take him yourselves"

Talks privately with Jesus

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## John 18:31-40 (NASB)

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”

<sup>37</sup> Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

And after saying this, he came out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no grounds at all for charges in His case.



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## Luke 23:5-7 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> But they kept on insisting, saying, “He is stirring up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee, as far as this place!”

<sup>6</sup> Now when Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, <sup>[b]</sup>since he also was in Jerusalem <sup>[c]</sup>at this time.



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to Herod

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## Luke 23:8-12 (NASB)

### Jesus before Herod

<sup>8</sup> Now Herod was overjoyed when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. <sup>9</sup> And he questioned Him at some length; but He offered him **no answer** at all. <sup>10</sup> Now the chief priests and the scribes stood there, vehemently charging Him. <sup>11</sup> And Herod, together with his soldiers, treated Him with contempt and **mocked Him**, dressing Him in a brightly shining robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> And so **Herod and Pilate became friends** with one another that very day; for previously, they had been enemies toward each other.



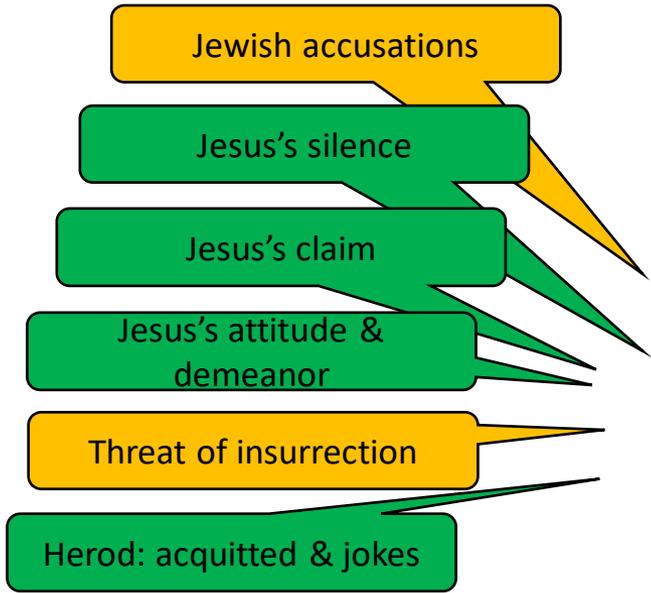
## Luke 23:13-16 (NASB)

### Pilate Seeks Jesus' Release

<sup>13</sup> Now Pilate summoned to himself the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, <sup>14</sup> and he said to them, “You brought this man to me on the ground that he is **inciting the people to revolt**; and behold, after examining Him before you, I have found **no basis** at all in the case of this man for the charges which you are bringing against Him. <sup>15</sup> No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I will **punish Him and release Him.**”



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## John 18:31-40 (NASB)

<sup>39</sup> However, you have a custom that I release one prisoner for you at the Passover; therefore do you wish that I release for you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>40</sup> So they shouted again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a rebel.

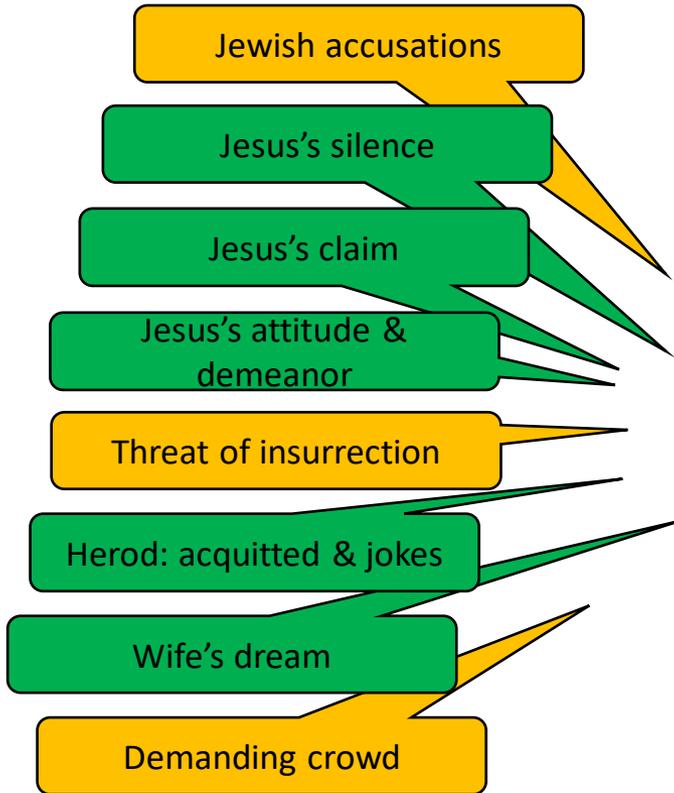
## John 19:1-16 (NASB)

So Pilate then took Jesus and had Him flogged....

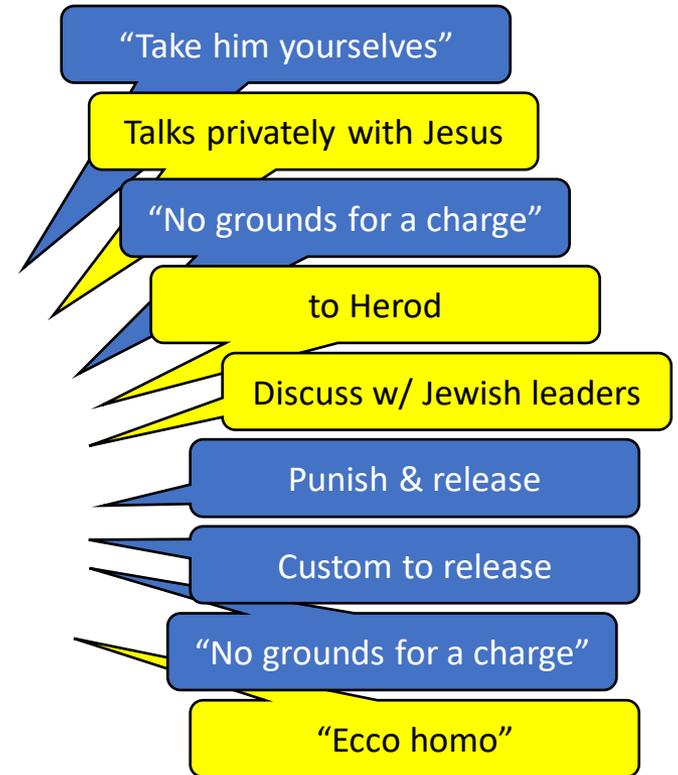
<sup>4</sup> And then Pilate came out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you so that you will know that I find no grounds at all for charges in His case." <sup>5</sup> Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!"



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## John 19:1-16 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they **shouted**, saying, **“Crucify, crucify!”** Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him; for I find **no grounds** for charges in His case!” <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He made Himself out to be the **Son of God!**”

<sup>8</sup> Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was **even more afraid**; <sup>9</sup> and he entered the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to Him, “Are you not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have **authority** to release You, and I have **authority** to crucify You?”



## John 19:1-16 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all, if it had not been given to you from above; for this reason the one who handed Me over to you has the greater sin.” <sup>12</sup> As a result of this, Pilate made efforts to release Him; but the Jews shouted, saying, “If you release this Man, you are not a friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar!”

<sup>13</sup> Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement—but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

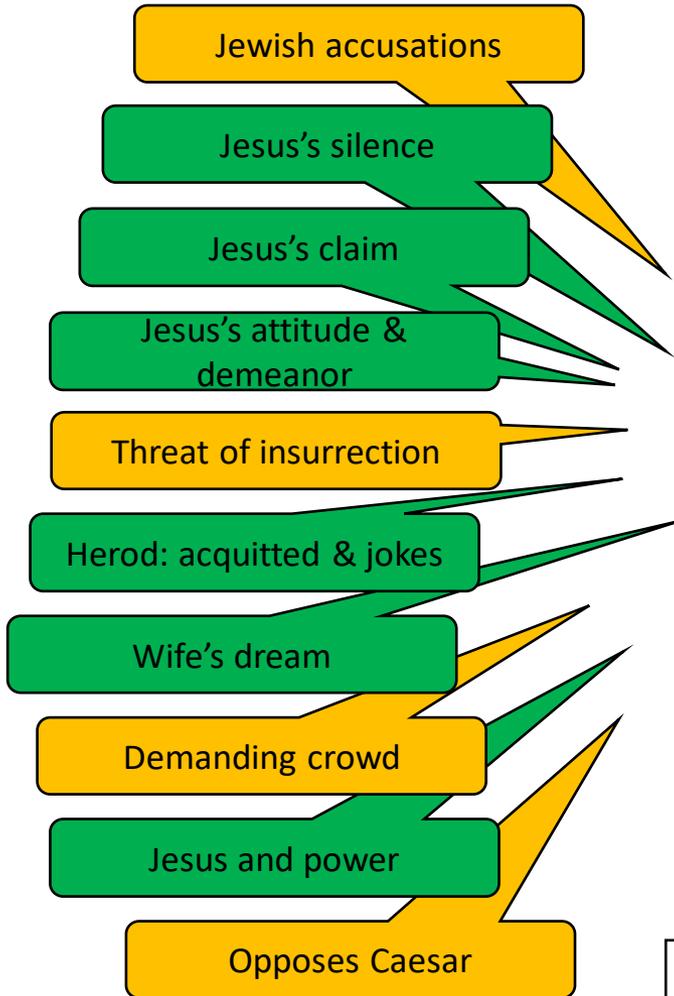


## Matthew 27:19-20 (NASB)

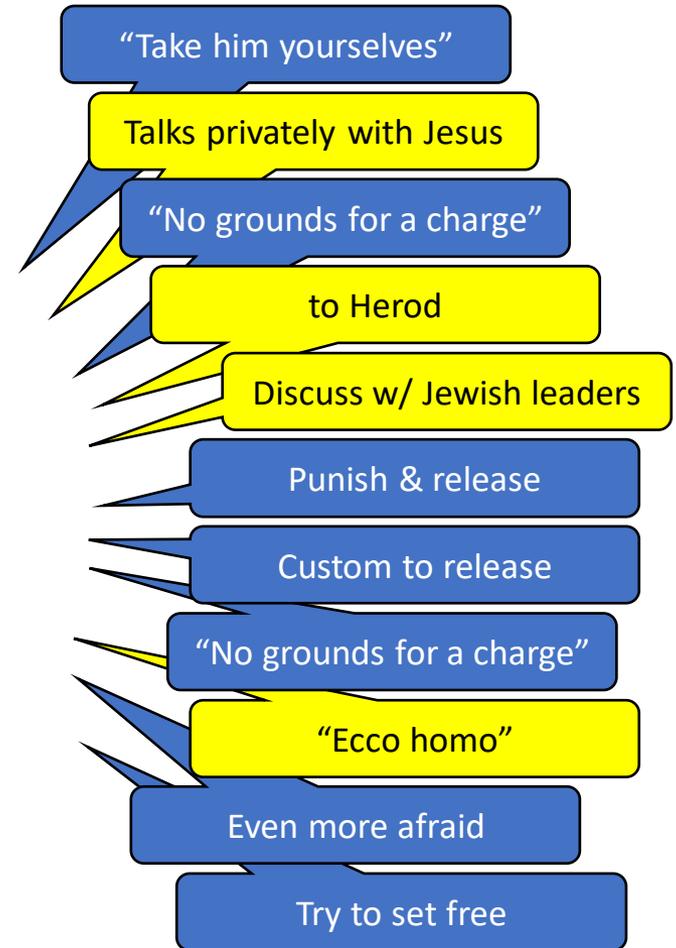
<sup>19</sup> And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, “See that you have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.” <sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death.



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<sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour.

And he said to the Jews, “Look, your King!” <sup>15</sup> So they shouted, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king except Caesar.”



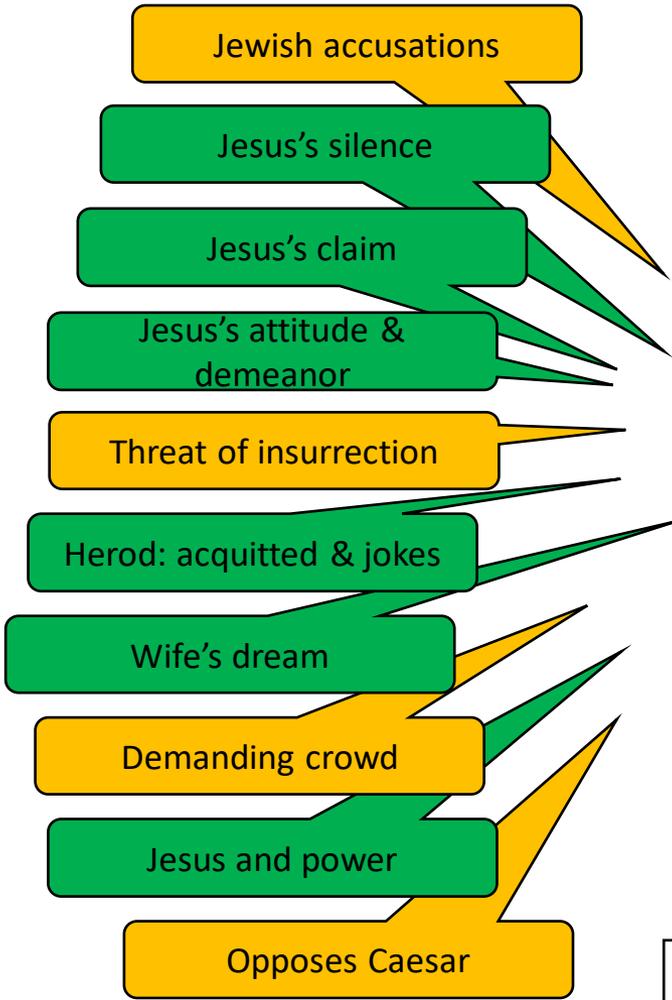
## Matthew 27:22-26 (NASB)

Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Crucify Him!” But he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” Yet they kept shouting all the more, saying, “Crucify Him!”

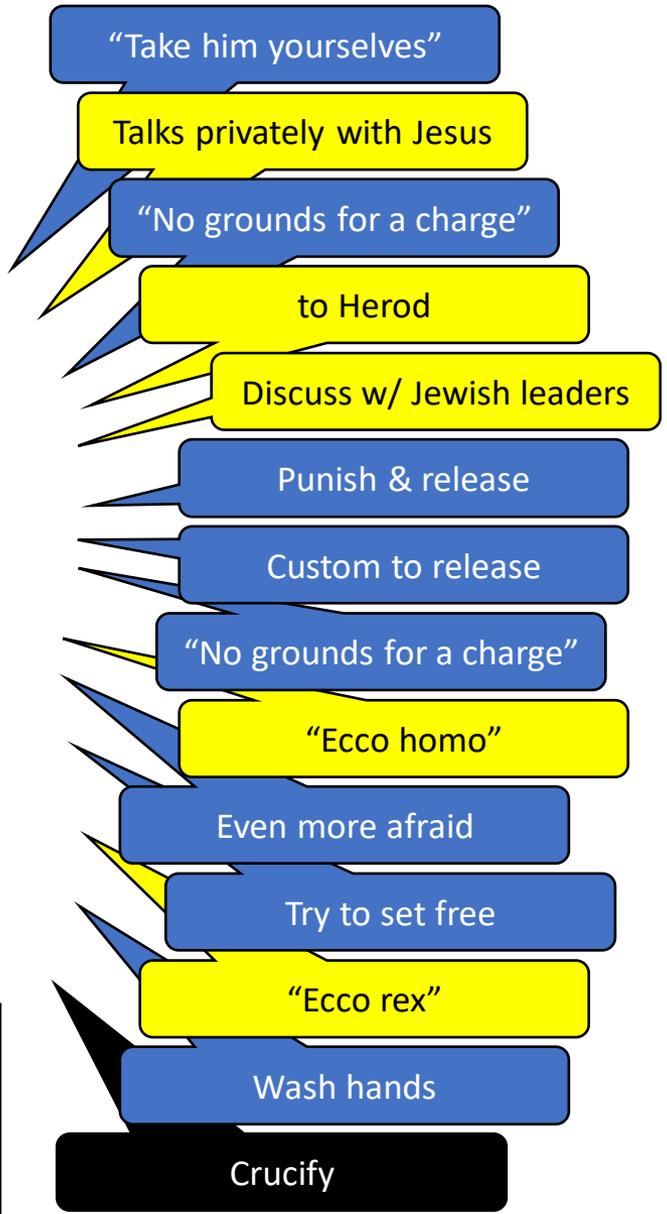
<sup>24</sup> Now when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; you yourselves shall see.” <sup>25</sup> And all the people replied, “His blood shall be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup> Then he...handed Him over to be crucified.



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