

“The Gospel of John”

Lesson #54 - John 18:28-40

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

I. Introduction

II. Pilate and Jews take 1: v. 28-32

A. Pilate’s approach

B. Jewish leader’s approach

III. Pilate and Jesus take 1: v. 33-38a

IV. Pilate and Jews take 2: v. 33b-40

A. Truth verses expediency

“He who did *nothing* wrong was condemned for *everything*, so that we who have done *everything* wrong would be condemned for *nothing*.” Dale F. Bruener

B. Divine Irony

V. Conclusion

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Mark 15:1 ¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate.

Luke 11:39 ³⁹ And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.

Duet. 21:22,23 ²² “And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.

Gal. 3:13 ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

Luke 23:2 ² And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

Matt. 27:18 ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

John 18:38b ^{38b} After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.

John 19:4 ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”

John 19:6 ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”

Matt. 27:16 ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

Mark 15:7 ⁷ And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas.

Luke 23:18-19 ¹⁸ But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas” — ¹⁹ a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.