

## Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

### **Matthew 27:1-26**

Intro:

- A. **Jesus appeared before Caiaphas, the High Priest.**
  - 1. He gathered the full council.
  - 2. They ultimately found two false witnesses.
  - 3. They accused Him of blasphemy.
  - 4. They physically abused him.
  
- B. **Jesus was then delivered to Pilate.**
  - 1. The chief priests and elders took council on how they might put Jesus to death. **V.1**
  - 2. They were afraid to stone Him to death as the charge of blasphemy demanded.
  - 3. They decided to use the Roman system. **V.2**

#### I. The Repentance Of Judas.

- A. **Judas saw Jesus taken away.**
  - 1. repented = μεταμελομαι = "to regret" 'to have dissatisfaction with one's self for what one has done," "to have pain of mind rather than change of mind." "Seller's remorse", "buyer's remorse." **V.3**
  - 2. He attempted to change his grief by giving back the price of betrayal.
  
- B. **His reason for repenting.**
  - 1. "I have betrayed the innocent blood." **v.4**
  - 2. innocent = αθωος = "not deserving punishment"
  - 3. He received no sympathy.
  
- C. **His acts of contrition.**
  - 1. "He cast down the pieces...in the temple." **V.5**
  - 2. "...he departed"
  - 3. "...went and hanged himself"
  
- D. **The chief priest's dilemma.**
  - 1. It was money paid for a man's life. **V.6**
  - 2. It could not be put in the treasure boxes.
  
- E. **Bad money for a good cause.**
  - 1. The land was cheap because those who made pottery had exhausted its worth. **V.7**

2. The Gentiles that came to Jerusalem could not be buried with Jews.
3. The name reflects the fact of it being purchased with the money used to buy a man's life. **V.8**

**F. A fulfilling of prophecy.**

1. This prophecy is not in Jeremiah but in Zechariah. Probably a copyist's error.
2. Zechariah 11:12-13
3. Zechariah was sent to the Jews. He was to tell them the truth. They did not receive him but treated him with contempt. They were asked to place a price on his services. They put the price of a slave to ridicule him. God told him to cast it into the pottery or trash. Jesus was received by Israel the same way.

II. Jesus Before Pilate.

**A. His appearance before Herod is not mentioned.**

1. Luke 23:6-12

**B. Jesus questioned.**

1. "Art thou the King of the Jews?" **v.11**
2. "Thou sayest."

**C. The response.**

1. "...he answered nothing." **V.12**
2. "...hearest thou not...?" **v.13**
3. "...he answered him never a word." **V.14**
4. His demeanor amazed the governor.

III. The Multitudes Bad Choice. 27:15

**A. The custom of the feast.**

1. They would release a prisoner. **V.15**
2. Barabbas was a seditionist and murderer. Luke 23:25
3. envy = φθovos = "Jealousy of another's success," "envy of another's excellence." **V.18**

**B. A warning from his wife.**

1. "...this just man." **V.19**
2. "I have suffered many things..."

C. **The multitudes choice.**

1. They persuaded the multitudes. **Vs.20,21,22**
2. "...destroy Jesus."
3. "What shall I do with Jesus..."
4. "Let him be crucified."
5. Pilate's intercession.
6. "...what evil hath he done?" **v.23**
7. His disclaimer. (washed hands) **v.24**
8. The multitudes horrible assumption. **V.25**
9. Their desire granted. **V.26**

