

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**MATTHEW 27:15-25; LUKE 23.8-23**  
**MAY 26, 2021**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Having been interrogated by the Sanhedrin, Jesus is delivered to Pilate.
  - a) Jesus talks about the nature of His kingdom. (John 18.36; cf. Luke 17.20,21)
  - b) Jesus talks about the truth. (John 18.37; 8.31,32)
2. **LUKE 23.6:** *“When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean.”*
  - a) Galilee was home of Jesus. (Luke 1.26,27; 2.38,40; Matt. 21.11)
  - b) Galilee was in the jurisdiction of Herod Antipas. (Luke 23.7; cf. Matt. 2.19-23; Mark 6.21)
3. After the trial and interrogation of Jesus by both Pilate and Herod, a verdict is reached.

**I. THE VERDICT**

- A. **LUKE 23.8:** *“Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad”*
  1. Anticipation: Herod had desired to see Him. (Luke 23.8)
    - a) He heard many things about Him. (Mark 1.28; 6.14; cf. Acts 26.26)
    - b) He hoped to see a miracle. (cf. Luke 13.31,32)
  2. Interrogation: Herod questioned Jesus. (Luke 23.9,10)
    - a) **LUKE 23.9:** *“He questioned Him with many words.”* What questions did he have?
    - b) **LUKE 23.10:** *“the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him”*
    - c) **LUKE 23.9:** *“But He answered him nothing.”* (cf. Matt. 27.13,14)
  3. Presentation: Herod dressed Him as a king. (Luke 23.11)
- B. What was the verdict handed down by both Pilate and Herod?
  1. Pilate’s verdict: *“I find no fault in this Man”* (Luke 23.4,14,22; Matt. 27.24)
  2. Herod’s verdict: *“no, neither did Herod...indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him”* (Luke 23.15)

**II. THE SENTENCE**

- A. A choice: Barabbas or Jesus?
  1. Who was Barabbas? (Matt. 27.15,16; Mark 15.8; John 18.39)
    - a) He was a murderer and a rebel. (Mark 15.7; Luke 23.19; Acts 3.14)
    - b) He was a robber. Greek: lestes; violent plunderers. (John 18.40)
  2. What was the multitude’s choice?
    - a) **MATTHEW 27.20,21:** *“The governor answered and said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release to you?’ They said, ‘Barabbas’”* (Luke 23.18)
    - b) Why did they want Barabbas over Jesus? (Matt. 27.18)
  3. What was Pilate’s choice? (Matthew 27.22-25; Luke 23.14-16,22)
- B. A confrontation: Pilate vs. the Jews.
  1. Assertion: *“I find no fault in Him.”* (John 19.1-5)
  2. Aggression: *“We have a law”* (John 19.6,7)
  3. Astonishment: *“He was the more afraid”* (John 19.8,9)
  4. Authority: *“I have the power to release you.”* (John 19.10,11)
  5. Accusation: *“You will not be Caesar’s friend”* (John 19.12)
  6. Assent: *“Then he delivered Him to be crucified”* (John 19.13-16)
- C. A condemnation: Let Him be crucified! (Matt. 27.22-25; Mark 15.15; Luke 23.23-25)