

“Jesus Before Pilate”

John 18:28-38

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There were six phases to Jesus' trial. The first three were religious in nature and the last three were civil. Pontius Pilate oversees the three civil hearings of Christ.

1. The religious hypocrisy of Jesus' accusers.

“they led Jesus...into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.” (18:28)

2. The political posturing of Jesus' judge.

“Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’ And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, ‘I find no guilt in Him’” (18:38)

3. The matchless character of Jesus the King.

“Jesus answered ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then 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.’” (18:36)