

“Pilate Spurns Jesus”

John 19:1-16

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Introduction

1. Despite Pilate’s self-preserving fear, Jesus embraces submission for sinners.

⁵Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!” ⁶So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, “Crucify, crucify!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” ⁷The 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.” ⁸Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.

2. Despite Pilate’s ignorant assertions, Jesus remains the sovereign Savior.

⁸Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; ⁹and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?” ¹¹Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.” ¹²As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him.

3. Despite Pilate’s dereliction of duty, Jesus becomes the suffering Servant.

¹²But the Jews cried out saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” ¹⁵So they cried out, “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 but Caesar.” ¹⁶So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.