

Christ Before Pilate – Part 3

Sermon 89 in the Matthew Series

Matt 27:27-30; John 19:1-16

As we have gone through this portion of Christ's passion, one word has come up over and over again. KING! John 12:15 with Zechariah 9:9.

I. Matthew's Account -- Matthew 27:27-30

In all the sufferings of Christ, the Bible is very modest.

None of the gospels sensationalize His sufferings.

However, enough is told, that we tremble at the thoughts of all that He suffered for us.

II. Pilate's Plan to Punish and Elicit Pity -- John 19:1-5

A. The Punishment -- Scourging 19:1-3

Deut. 25:1-3 – "If there is a dispute between men, and they come to court, that *the judges* may judge them, and they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked, ² then it shall be, if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge will cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence, according to his guilt, with a certain number of blows. ³ Forty blows he may give him *and* no more, lest he should exceed this and beat him with many blows above these, and your brother be humiliated in your sight.

The Jews were limited by God's Law in punishment.

The Romans had no such tradition. The usual practice of the Romans was to beat those who they were going to arrest, and Paul recounts being beaten with rods 3 times.

Acts 16:19-24; 35-40

While Paul was unjustly beaten, as in this passage – at other times he used his Roman citizenship to keep from being scourged.

The scourge was a short whip with leather thongs holding sharp pieces of metal or bone.

Psalm 129:3 – "The plowers plowed on my back;
They made their furrows long."

1. Why did it happen? -- Isaiah 53:3-5

2. What went through Christ's mind as they beat Him? -- Isaiah 50:6-9

B. Pilate's appeal to Pity -- John 19:4-5

“Behold the man”

"idoú ho ánthropos" or famously in the Latin Vulgate *"Ecce homo"*

III. The Final Roman Trial – John 19:6-16

A. The Leaders knew the issue at Hand -- 6-7

B. Pilate was more Afraid 8-9

C. Pilate's final examination of Christ -- 10-11

Christ let Pilate know who is in control.

Christ lets us know plainly who is in control.

D. Jesus Condemned -- John 19:12-16

FINAL APPLICATIONS