

Innocent
Luke 23:1-25
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So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

The Civil trial of Jesus: condemning the Innocent and acquitting the guilty.

Why did Pilate declare Him Innocent?

1. The **accusations** did not stick (v.2) 3 accusations.
 - a. He is **perverting** the nation.
 - b. He is teaching people not to **pay taxes** to Caesar. Lk 20:22-25
 - c. He claims to be Christ a **King**.
2. The interrogation revealed **no fault** (v.3).
3. The **accusers** were not deterred (v.4)

Why did Herod Antipas exonerate Jesus? (v.8-12)

1. Herod didn't care about the **case** against Jesus (v.8)
2. Herod couldn't get an **answer** out of Jesus (v.9-10).
3. Herod couldn't find any **guilt** in Jesus (v.11-12).

Why did Pilate Condemn Jesus if he found him innocent? (v.13-25)

1. Pilate **confirmed** Jesus' Innocence (v.13-17)
2. The Jews demanded Jesus Death **no matter what**. (v.18-23)
 - a. **Away** with Him. Take him off the earth! (v.18a)
 - b. Give us **Barabbas!** (v.18b-19) Bar – "son of" and abba – "father".
3. Pilate did what was **expedient**. (v.24-25)
4. Jesus had to be **confirmed** as innocent in order to die for our sins. 1 Pe 1:18; 1 Jn 2:2

So that fact is established – Jesus was innocent of all charges indeed of any sin. So he is the **perfect substitute** for your sin and mine.