

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, March 17, 2024
Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew
Message 121. “Suffering Under Pontius Pilate” – Matthew 27:1-2, 11-32
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Intro: Verses 1-2 show us the judgment of the Sanhedrin. They declared Jesus’ guilt and bound Him to hand Him over the Romans for execution. The turning of Jesus over to Pilate is referenced in the Apostles Creed.

- I. The Bema Seat – vs. 11-14
 - A. Governor Pontius Pilate
 - 1. From Spain, 6th governor of Judea
 - 2. Married Claudi Procula, Augustus Caesar’s granddaughter
 - 3. Brutal, ruthless, and vindictive
 - B. The Roman Trial
 - 1. Charges – are You the king?
 - 2. Evidence – false charges, but no evidence
 - 3. Defense – silence – Isa. 53:7
 - 4. Verdict – innocent, innocent, innocent...yet condemned
- II. The Scape Goat – vs. 15-23 – Lev. 16:7-10
 - A. Which Jesus? (vs. 17, 22)
 - 1. Jesus, son of Abbas
 - a. Insurrectionist – assassination and rebellion
 - b. Wanted to drive the Romans out
 - c. A king? A savior?
 - 2. Jesus, called the Messiah
 - B. The Envy of the Chief Priests
 - C. The Vision of Claudia
 - D. The Persuasion of the Chief Priests
 - E. “Let Him Be Crucified!”
- III. The Innocent One – vs. 24-26
 - A. Pilate Declared Jesus’ Innocence 3 Times – John 18:26; 19:4, 6
 - B. Pilate Believed Jesus was Innocent – John 18:29-30; Luke 23:2
 - C. Pilate Tried to Not Execute Jesus
 - 1. Sent to Herod as a Galilean
 - 2. Punished, but not killed
 - 3. Offered the choice between two Jesus’
 - 4. Scourged Jesus and hoped to release
 - D. A Bad Report to Caesar? – John 19:8-14
 - E. Washing His Hands, but Still Responsible
 - F. “His blood be on us and on our children!”
- IV. The Fulfillment of Matt. 20:19 (mock, flog, crucify) – vs. 27-32
 - A. The Roman Executioners
 - 1. Stripped, then the Purple Robe
 - 2. A Crown of thorns and a reed scepter
 - 3. Kneeling, Beating (Scourging), Mocking
 - 4. Removing the Purple Robe
 - B. The Substitute to Carry the Cross – Mark 15:21; Romans 16:13
 - C. By His Stripes, We Are Healed – Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead [Hades, the grave]. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cross References

Isaiah 53:7

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Leviticus 16:7-10

7 And he shall take the two goats and present them before Yahweh at the doorway of the tent of meeting. 8 And Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for Yahweh and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 Then Aaron shall bring near the goat on which the lot for Yahweh fell, and he shall offer it as a sin offering. 10 But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell shall be presented alive before Yahweh, to make atonement upon it, to send it out into the wilderness as the scapegoat.

John 18:26

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, *said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

John 19:4

4 And Pilate came out again and *said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him."

John 19:6

6 So 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."

John 18:29-30

29 Therefore Pilate went out to them and *said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" 30 They answered and said to him, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you."

Luke 23:2

2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”

John 19:8-14

8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he became more afraid; 9 and he entered into the Praetorium again and *said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So 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?” 11 Jesus 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.” 12 As a result of this Pilate kept seeking to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, “If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself to be a king opposes Caesar.” 13 Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he *said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!”

Matthew 20:19

19 and will deliver Him over to the Gentiles to mock and flog and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up.”

Mark 15:21

21 And they *pressed into service a passer-by coming from the countryside, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), to carry His cross.

Romans 16:13

13 Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

Isaiah 53:5

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our peace fell upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

24 Who Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that having died to sin, we might live to righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.