

The Providence of God over the evil of men

Pilate's failed attempts to release Jesus: The Gospel of Mark 15:6-15 part 2

'God possesses total power and total autonomy as the master, ruler, possessor and owner of all'

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lords purpose that prevails Psalm 115:3 Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever pleases him Lamentations 3:37 Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? Romans 8:28 God causes all things together for good to those who love God

'God does as He pleases, only as he pleases and always as He pleases, and all He does is for His Glory and our Good'

I. THE RELIGIOUS TRIAL

Phase 1 Annas was looking for a HANDLE to destroy Christ

Phase 2 Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin were seeking to CONDEMN Christ

Phase 3 The religious leaders settled on a plan to get ROME'S permission and gain the death penalty

Mark 15:1a Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation;

II. THE SECULAR TRIAL

Phase 4 Pilate was impressed with Christ, but indifferent

Mark 15:1b and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate. 2 Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "It is as you say." 3 The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly. 4 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, "Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!" 5 But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

Phase 5 Herod was curious, but shallow and cruel [in Luke 23]

Phase 6 Pilate seeks to release Christ before the mob; until it costs him

6 Now at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested. 7 The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 The crowd went up and began asking him to do as he had been accustomed to do for them. 9 Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead. 12 Answering again, Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" 13 They shouted back, "Crucify Him!" 14 But Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!" 15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Pontius Pilate

PHASE 6 explained...

I _____ DYNAMICS with Barabbas 6-15a

#1 _____ plan to use crowd dynamics with Barabbas 6-10

'Envy is the displeasure aroused by seeing someone else having what you do not want him to have'

I CROWD DYNAMICS with Barabbas *continued*

#2 The _____ plan to warn her husband

Matthew 27:19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him."

Matthew 27:20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death.

#3 The _____ plan to use CROWD Dynamics ^{11-15a}

1st The growing _____ of crucifixion ¹¹⁻¹⁴

Acts 3:13 ...Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. 14 "But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

Luke 23:18 they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas

2nd The horrible _____ decision of Pilate ^{15a}

II _____ with scourging ^{15b}

John 19:1 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. 4 Pilate ... said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." 5 Jesus ... came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!"

John 19:6 So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!"

III _____ with washing his hands

Matthew 27:24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves."

John 19:12 As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but 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.

Conclusion:

A = Are you confident God is in control over your life _____

Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

B = Do you have _____ or just mere beliefs?

'Beliefs are what you hold, but convictions are what holds you'

C = Are you FOR or _____ Christ?

Matthew 12:30 He who is not with me is against me *Mark 9:40* For he who is not against us is for us

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