

# John 19:1-15 – Abused, Accused, and Abandoned for Your Salvation

Trapp, TSK, GreekLexicon, Handfuls, Gill, JFB, Geneva, Rienecker, Robertson, Henry, Clarke, INT, Calvin, INT, Pulpit, Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: Even before Jesus went to the painful and shameful cross to die for you, he had to endure many horrible things for you. He was **cruelly abused** for you. He was **falsely accused** for you. He was **totally abandoned** for you. **And what is the operative expression here? “For you!”** Hear about this again today. I hope you never get tired hearing it. After all, it was all done **for you!**

Our headings are:

Jesus was **Abused**

Jesus was **Accused**

Jesus was **Abandoned**

Our goals are: That you **will rejoice that Jesus suffered and died in your place, and fully earned your salvation, and that you will introduce this Sin Bearer to others.**

## **Jesus was Abused**

1 So then Pilate took Jesus and **scourged Him.**

**1. Jesus, Creator of heaven and earth, was stripped naked, and fastened to a pillar, and severely whipped across his bare back.**

**This was Pilate, the Roman governor’s order.**

**Pilate declared him innocent** with his mouth, but used his hands to strike him! He did this grossly unfair act to please the Jews...so that the Jews might then want to release innocent Jesus. **It didn’t work.**

**If fact, Pilate was doing God’s work by legally proving Jesus was innocent – a requirement for a proper sacrifice.**

2 And the soldiers **twisted a crown of thorns** and put it on His head, and they put on Him **a purple robe.**

3 Then they said, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** And they **struck Him with their hands.**

**2. Then the soldiers, with Pilate’s approval, twisted a crown of thorns on Jesus’ head to mock him as a fake king.**

**But, in fact, they were showing the marks of Adam’s curse on his head.** Thorns came as a result of God’s curse on Adam.

Jesus took them head on!

**This crown of thorns must have been painful**...hitting raw nerves in his forehead.

**3. Then the soldier, with Pilate’s approval, put a reddish-purple robe on Jesus to mock his claim to be king.**

They didn’t realize the **reddish-purple robe signified the scarlet sins of the whole world.**

Jesus came to bear the sins of the world...and **the soldiers unknowingly pictured this great work.**

**4. Then people nearby, including the soldiers, mocked him as king, likely bowing down to mock him.**

**Verbal abuse can be most painful,** especially when one is innocent.

And yet, **they were confessing the truth: Jesus was King of the Jews and he deserved to be bowed before!**

**5. Then the people hit him...a most personal insult...which caused injury.**

They hit the God of glory but God did not strike them down. Why not?

**He endured slaps and punches, because that was what you deserved.**

4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know **that I find no fault in Him.**" 5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, **“Behold the Man!”**

**6. Then Pilate again declared Jesus was innocent, and yet, in a most barbaric way, contrary to Roman law, gave him to the people so they could kill him!**

**7. Pilate then declared Jesus was “the Man,” maybe to remind the people Jesus was a man, not a king, to avoid killing him.**

And yet, he was declaring God’s requirement: **Since man sinned, man had to die. Jesus was a fit sacrifice for sins!**

## **8. Lessons:**

**a. All of this innocent abuse had to be done as punishment for you, the guilty.** It should give you a first glimpse of what your sins deserved, and from which you are saved. You deserved the insults, hooks in your back, the crown of thorns, the slaps, and to be covered with blood.

**b. You must passionately worship the one who endured this for you!** You deserved it, but he took the abuse for you.

## **Jesus was Accused**

6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, **“Crucify Him, crucify**

**Him!**" Pilate said to them, "**You take Him and crucify Him**, for I find no fault in Him."

**1. Then stone-hearted Jews, unmoved by Christ's suffering and by Pilate's attempt to free him, demanded Pilate execute Jesus!**

**This was the work of the mob.** This mob wanted him executed in the most horrible, painful, and shameful way possible. **Pilate sarcastically urged them to crucify him themselves,** because he didn't want to execute an innocent man. He was literally saying: "**If you want him dead, you kill him yourself.**"

7 The Jews answered him, "**We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.**"

**2. When the mob action didn't work, the Jews falsely accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law and demanded Pilate execute him for doing so.**

The charge was that **Jesus made himself the Son of God,** by which the Jews understood he was **claiming equality to God.** (If Jesus claimed to be a simple son of God—like by adoption—then the Jews would have **agreed with him,** as all Jews were adopted children of God. But this was a greater charge. No mere man was allowed to claim he was God!)

**Furthermore, Jesus claimed to be the natural and essential Son of God – claiming equality with God. Jesus was not claiming to be a great moral teacher or an adopted son.**

But this charge, even if it were proved to be true, should not have resulted in crucifixion, but rather, stoning – an easier death.

**Yet, Jesus not only had to be man, but he had to be God to be great enough to die for the sins of the whole world** and the Jews were confirming this, **proving he was the perfect sacrifice.**

8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, **he was the more afraid,** 9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "**Where are You from?**" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? **Do You not know that I have power to crucify You,** and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "**You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you** from above. Therefore the **one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.**"

**3. Pilate was afraid the Jews might start a riot, but hearing Jesus was claiming to be God, he became more afraid!**

**So he began to question Jesus about his origin but Jesus refused to answer** him as he had already punished Jesus without him committing a crime.

**Pilate tried to pull rank: "Do you not know that I have power to crucify you?"** But Pilate should not be questioning someone who, by Pilate's own testimony, had done nothing wrong.

**4. Seeing how arrogant Pilate was, Jesus had to silence him by reminding him:**

**a. Pilate's power was delegated power** from God, implying that Pilate **would have to stand before God in the future and give account for everything he did.**

**b. Jesus said he could pray for 12 legions of angels to destroy Pilate and the entire Roman army right then. This put fear in Pilate as you will see next.**

**c. Jesus also pointed out the Jews were more sinful than Pilate because they knew better than Pilate but still called for condemning of an innocent man, and because the Jews wanted to abuse Pilate's power for their personal gain.**

**5. Lessons:**

**a. There are many who indirectly claim to be god today and want to exercise dominion and control of your life, but you must reject them because they are not gods.** These include the state! The state is only a creature of God and is limited in its work! **Be bold enough to rebuke them...**for their good and the glory of God. If their laws are contrary to God's laws, they are acting as God!

**b. Those who twist the law of God for personal vendettas or gain will be tossed into hell and not be vindicated.**

**c. Jesus was more than a mere human teacher of morality – he had to be more.** (If Jesus were an ordinary man, he should have been put in a mental institution for the claims he made.) He was fully God and fully man! He had to be to save the world.

**d. The accusation on Jesus of the most heinous sins was necessary because you were guilty of the most heinous sins.**

**Jesus was Abandoned**

12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. **Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.**"

**1. Then the Jews joined in one chorus to demand the murder of Jesus...by manipulating and threatening Pilate to report him to Caesar Tiberius - a very jealous emperor!**

Pilate hated Palestine and desperately wanted to go to a better country to serve, so if the Jews reported him, it would have hurt his chance for a better appointment.

**2. In reality, the Jews were abandoning Jesus, their king, and embracing the foreign beast, that city on 7 hills, Rome.**

How great was the hatred against the Lord! They had seared consciences! They had no empathy for an innocent man.

These Jewish leaders even manipulated the people to abandon the Lord.

The one who **showed compassion** for the people, the one who **healed the people**, the one who **gave food** to the people, the one who **cared for the most ignored** in society, the one who **wasn't trying to get rich off of the people**, the one who **called for pure worship of God** was the one the Jews abandoned! Instead, Israel ran to the foreign beast!

13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, **Gabbatha**.<sup>14</sup> Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "**Behold your King!**"<sup>15</sup> But 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!**"

### **3. Pilate tried one last time to free Jesus, but the Jews continuously screamed for Jesus' murder!**

The Jews, including their leaders, pledged allegiance to Caesar (whom they hated) to kill the innocent Savior (whom they hated more), confirming their abandonment of Christ. Even if Jesus were not the Messiah, it would have meant they **abandoned God for the Roman Beast!** (See Revelation) The Jews chose to wear the scarlet robe in Revelation!

**This was a fulfillment of God promise through Jacob in Genesis 49: Shiloh (Jesus) would come when they were no more kings from Judah.**

### **4. Of course Jesus' friends and family also abandoned him for fear of being punished themselves.**

#### **5. Lessons:**

**a. Jesus had to be abandoned because you deserved to be abandoned for your inherited and personal sins.**

**b. Now never abandon the one who gave his life for you.** Remember, at the end of the world Jesus, sitting on his throne as Pilate did, would declare you innocent because he was declared guilty.

**c. It may be popular to worship modern gods as health, wealth, and state, but neither of these can save your soul!** It is easy to worship the state which promises to take care of you from the cradle to the grave, but it can't! And it surely can't take care of you after this life. Only Jesus can.

#### **Conclusion:**

**Pilate and the Jews sacrificed their consciences to sacrifice Jesus.** But **the Jews were worse!** **They abused** the Lord physically, mentally, and spiritually! They turned against their Lord and **falsely accused** him of hating Rome and blaspheming God. **The Jews hated Jesus because he would not be their earthly king, destroy the Romans, and re-establish David's expanded kingdom.** So they joined the Romans, **whom they hated, abandoned him,** and tried to and succeeded in killing Jesus. But he came to die for sinners!

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

**1. Christ died in the most horrible way to save men from their sins and bring them to his eternal kingdom.** Christ didn't come to make men healthy or wealthy but to die. He didn't come to remake society! He came to regenerate the spiritual dead— to give new life. **He knew salvation was your greatest need.** Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, **an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

**2. Now crown him.** Crown him with many crowns. See his eternal kingship! Don't ignore him like the Jews did. Crown him with worship. Crown him with obedience! Crown him Lord of All!

### **3. Wouldn't you want to make the introduction between this Sin Bearer and those still trapped in sins?**

Finally, if you are not a Christian: Do you realize that if you reject Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are not only condemning yourself, but your children as well? Do you recognize that you are abandoning the only grace that could save you from hell? May you recognize now the need to submit to and serve the Lord, who came to save.