

THE CIVIL TRIAL OF JESUS—PHASE 3:
JESUS' SECOND APPEARANCE BEFORE PILATE
(John 18:39 – 19:16)

- I. Pilate's ALTERNATIVES (John 18:39 – 19:7)
 - A. Option 1: Customary release of a POLITICAL prisoner (18:39-40)
 - 1. He suggested releasing “the KING of the JEWS”
 - 2. They demanded he release BARABBAS, a “ROBBER”
 - B. Option 2: TORTURE the prisoner instead of EXECUTING Him (19:1-5)
 - 1. He has Jesus SCOURGED
 - 2. They CROWNED Him with THORNS
 - 3. They ROBbed Him in PURPLE
 - 4. They hailed Him as “KING” and SLAPPED His face
 - 5. Pilate repeated his “NOT GUILTY” verdict
 - 6. He declared, “BEHOLD the Man!”
 - 7. The crowd roared, “CRUCIFY! CRUCIFY!”
 - C. Option 3: Surrender the prisoner to LOCAL authority (19:6)
 - 1. Possibly GRANTING permission for THEM to crucify Him
 - 2. Probably MOCKING their INABILITY to do so
- II. Pilate's ALARM (John 19:7-12)
 - A. Feared he had ABUSED a descendant of the GODS (19:7-12a)
 - 1. He asked, “WHERE are you FROM?”

2. He REBUKED Jesus' SILENCE
3. He boasted of authority to RELEASE or CRUCIFY Jesus
4. Pilate's authority had been DELEGATED by GOD
5. The Jews' SIN was GREATER than Pilate's
6. Pilate tried HARDER to RELEASE Jesus

B. Feared he would be ACCUSED of TREASON (19:12*b*)

III. Pilate's ACQUIESCENCE/ASSENT/AGREEMENT (John 19:13-16)

A. Sat at the judgment seat to pronounce the FINAL VERDICT (19:13-15)

1. He announced, "Behold, YOUR KING!"
2. They shouted, "AWAY! CRUCIFY!"
3. He asked, "Shall I CRUCIFY your KING?"
4. They declared, "We have no king but CAESAR!"

B. Sent Jesus to be CRUCIFIED (19:16)