

# **PILATE**

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THOSE JEWS HAD TO BE THE WORSE PEOPLE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH TO RULE!

arrogant - self-righteous  
stubborn - manipulative  
take but not give - sneaky & deceitful  
not face you man to man like us Romans

We hated them as much as they hated us!- MORE!

We took away all their freedom & privileges:

-heavily taxed  
-couldn't execute without permission (stone)

that's why they got me involved in their miserable murder plot!

NOT just permission  
BUT force me to do dirty work!  
*Oh how I hate them!*

Worst thing I ever did

Biggest mistake I ever made

Changed my whole life: on earth & for eternity

## **I. TRIAL BY PILATE # 1 (Trial 4)**

### **MY NAME IS PILATE**

Illegitimate son of German king

Roman education, good ability, well liked

Murdered man at party, sent to BLACK SEA

Put down revolt - excellent military job

Left wife to marry CLAUDIA (dau of Augustus & prost.)

Capture province "Ponchus" - title "PONTIUS"

Military hero - made gov of JUDEA

top Roman official in whole area

Better leading soldiers in battle, courageous in battle

Weak moral courage, prideful,

THE DAY I WAS TALKING @ STARTED LIKE ANY OTHER but it didn't stay that way long -never forget it - **Friday, April 3, 33 AD**  
ANTONIO

6 AM night report from duty officer - arrest in Gethse  
Shortly after 6 my AID informed me rel rulers see me  
-this their most special, holy day of the year!  
-why make selves unclean by coming in?  
Temple police, mob, top leaders there!  
Man bloody, bleeding, beat up!  
Tied hand & foot  
-couldn't have walked away if free!  
Police looked like afraid of armed attack to free

Wouldn't come in to me - self-righteous  
kill this man, but not in Gentile home!  
Illegal: court proceedings on feast day  
Pilate out to them, but gave in

Set mood/pattern for whole day, downhill from there  
lost 1st power-struggle without aware of import.

## **PAST RUN-INS WITH JEWS didn't turn out well..**

### **1. INTO JERUSALEM WITH STANDARDS & FLAGS**

image of emperor (a god)  
Jews protested, crowd hounded me 5 days  
surrounded in amphitheater, disperse or die!  
knelt down, bared necks - couldn't kill so many  
had to give in, remove standards!

### **2. ROBBED TEMPLE TREASURY**

needed \$ for water system  
riots in streets, soldiers killed many

JEWS tattled to Rome constantly @ all this  
told me "Keep things quiet or you're out!"

they had me where they wanted me  
Ready to use that leverage against me today  
Obvious don't want justice -- just Roman approval  
STILL I had final say, didn't have to give in  
-oh how I wish I wouldn't have!!!  
*I really hate those Jews!*

### **BACK TO THIS MAN they brought**

Audacity of them - had no charges to give!  
Wanted me to just TRUST them, blank check  
Acted injured, hurt that I wanted reason!  
OK - I gave Roman approval for Jewish trial!  
Turns out already had their trial!!!  
What want is approval for execution!

### **CHARGES**

Anti-government  
Anti-taxes  
Anti-Caesar - claiming to be a king  
I didn't believe them - He seemed incapable of harm  
Too serious charges to ignore if some truth (esp #3)

### **VERDICT**

SHOULD HAVE said NO and ended it right there  
What was the stoning of one more Jew?  
Their arrogance and contempt of me hit my PRIDE  
Not about to cooperate with them! - Still had to settle matter  
fairly

So I asked him ***“Are you the king of the Jews?”***

“Yes” He answered

Now I had to investigate further  
but not before this mob!

Brought this man inside

## **PRIVATE DISCUSSION**

***“Are you guilty of what they say?”***

Seemed sensible man  
More honest, direct than rel rul  
If revolt brewing I'd have known it  
This bloody, swollen man a king?

***“Depends on what kind of a king referring to.”***

***“Do you take me for an idiot, thinking someone like you could be a threat to Rome! If you were a revolutionary I'd have known about it!”***

***“I am a king, but no threat to Roman rule. If that is what I'd had in mind I'd be leading soldiers against you, not standing here like this. I'm a king of an entirely different realm!”***

CONFUSED me, getting impatient, frustrated  
can't just release someone claiming to a KING  
but WAS He claiming to be a king?

***“How can a king not be a king? Its either yes or no!”***

***“If it has to be yes or no, then the answer is YES - but I'm no threat to you or Rome!***

***In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”***

***“What is truth!”*** frustration coming out, irritated  
can't get truth from Jews or this man!  
Much rather lead troops in battle than do this!  
(shrug shoulders, dismiss whole subject, walk away  
Just want to get out of this mess politically clean  
-no nasty reports to Rome about me!

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Back out to rel rulers, with findings

***“There’s no accusation against this man, no indictment, and I can’t find anything wrong He’s done.”***

SHOULD HAVE released Him and ended it all  
Used soldiers to scatter crowd  
Do what was right, even if not political expedient

INSTEAD listened to their backtalk & complain  
FEAR of their manipulative power

**Look for COMPROMISE way out**

Heard one yelling @ his act. in Galilee  
Send him to HEROD!!!

Knew not right, but try anything!

Illegal: I had authority, not Herod

If innocent must release

Herod - no court in Jeru.

**FIRST COMPROMISE sets pattern**

**1 ‘little’ lie, sin, etc**

**1 little sin grows: gambling, drinking, etc**

**getting someone to spy - not ask him to sell secret documents right off, just get some innocent info like list of names, which all know anyway, then ask for more and more -- get hooked**

## **II. TRIAL BY HEROD ANTIPAS (Trial 5)**

Hasmonian palace

Son of HEROD the GREAT (kill Beth babies)

HEROD ANTIPAS

Ruled 30 years, since then

Good administrator, people prospered

Cleaver man ("fox")  
Power-mad, fun loving playboy (never grew up)  
Took brother's wife, HERODIAS  
    Beheaded John the BAPTIST @ it

Not get along with me - opposites in temperament  
Resentful losing half of kgdm to outsider (under me!)  
Sending this man to him mended things  
    -took it as my recognition of his position!

Herod CURIOUS, heard @ Jesus in Galilee  
Afraid he was John Bapt come back to torment!

***"Are you John come back to accuse me?"***

***"How do you do those miracles?"***

***"What about person back to life?"***

***"What are you in trouble for?"***

Bored, wanted some excitement (fun, not a trial)  
Prisoner didn't say a word  
Herod insulted, mood spoiled  
    obviously not John Baptizer!

Find own form of entertainment with Him  
EMOTIONAL ABUSE: ridicule, mockery  
PHYSICAL ABUSE: blindfold, hit (who did it?)

Man obviously not guilty of any crime deserving of death!  
    Should have released Him, but didn't  
Sent Him back to me!

Disappointed when came back!  
    Wanted out of it all

Me: no religious person, but superstitious!  
    not going to mess with any 'god!'

Understand rel rul motive: jealousy!

***“Don’t bring Him back here! I told you I found Him innocent and so did Herod. Just let the man go!”***

### **III. TRIAL BY PILATE # 2 (Trial 6)**

I’m frustrated & impatient, not going as I like

Same true of rel rulers!

Want Him dead before town awakes hears

Already people gathering not under their pay

What if Galileans revolt, take by force!

#### **PRISONER RELEASE**

There’s my way out! let the people decide (not rel rul)

Not overly pleased with solution, but why not?

Always released prisoner on top feast day - today!

Usually later in day, but why not now?

#### **BARABBAS**

Son of well known rabbi

Insurrectionist, murdered Roman soldiers

Terrorist, Mafia-type gangster

Public enemy # 1

To be executed today

Surely people pick Jesus over this scum-bag!

PLAN to release Barabbas instead of Jesus

STARTED OUT WELL, I read the newly-gathered crowd right,  
supportive of releasing Jesus

Then another of those little things that changes history happened

## LETTER FROM WIFE

CLAUDIA PROCULA, my wife, sent me a note  
Release Him, He's innocent and godly  
Convert to Judaism, understood Messiah proof  
Woman of faith and belief in God  
Tormented in dream because of prisoner  
Found out His fate in my hands  
Sent note, just arrived  
Dream superstitious omen, warning to release

Bad timing!

Rel rulers used break to influence crowd!  
-releasing Jesus would PLEASE Pilate!  
-threatened EXCOMMUNICATION  
-\$\$\$ to any holdouts

Crowds are so fickle, easily led!

## BARABBAS RELEASED

My thoughts PULLED BACK TO PRESENT by crown calling for  
“**BARABBAS**” !!!

no more time @ silly woman's dream!

Tried to reason with them, talk them out of it - nothing!  
COLD SWEAT breaks out on body!

CONDEMN innocent one

RELEASE knowingly guilty man

(Sometimes wonder what ever happened to Bar

(How did this affect him, if at all?

(How feel @ Jesus dying on cross in his place!

## **CRUCIFY, NOT STONE**

Then I made another mistake:

***“OK, you’ve got Barabbas, now what do you want me to do with Jesus?”***

Yelled in frustration, not serious question

**“CRUCIFY HIM! “CRUCIFY HIM! “CRUCIFY HIM!”**

Like vultures, sharks smelling blood!

out of control!

STONING: quick, merciful death - by Jews

CRUCIFIXION: worst death imaginable

-administered by ME!

(rel rul pushing ME do dirty work)

***“Why crucify? What’s He guilty of?”***

**“CRUCIFY HIM! “CRUCIFY HIM!”**

shout so loud no one hear me, or reason!

Later I learned prisoner’s mother and aunt there  
wonder how all this affecting them?

At the time only thinking @ self! get out of this!

PRIDE: not want to let rel rulers get own way

FEAR: complain to Rome, me out of job!

## **JESUS FLOGGED**

If crowd not listen to reason, appeal to sympathy

Beating better than death, so commanded it

6 large soldiers took turns (hatred for Jews like Barabbas who  
murdered their friends)

Whip: leather, bone, steel

Jesus suspended from ceiling by hands

naked, 2 at a time whip, take turns

skin into long ribbon-like segments

(already whipped twice, not as bad)  
back only part of body can live thru this  
too skillful to kill, just remove skin & muscle  
raw tendons & nerve endings exposed to air  
shock from loss of body fluids  
“Half death” = more dead than alive when done  
SALT rubbed into back when done to revive!  
ROBE plastered against back to stop bleeding

Took Jesus to another room to revive, bleeding stop  
TEAR **ROBE** OFF (bleeding start), put purple on  
(King’s color, done in mockery)  
old, faded, rough burlap-type material

### CROWN needed on King!

make one of weeds nearby (3” thorns)  
beat down on head with club  
head bleeds much and long

**SCEPTER**, old staff = mockery of rulership  
soldiers faked bowing in worship, big joke!  
“No one will worship you? We’ll make you  
feel better and worship you!”

**PHYSICAL ABUSE**: spit, hit, beaten  
contest: who hit hardest, most often!  
pull out handfuls of hair & beard (who get most)  
(like some evil, Satanic force filling, pushing,  
motivating to supernatural evil & strength)

## PRESENTATION TO THE CROWD

Soldiers motive: take hate out on a Jew  
My motive: evoke sympathy from crowd  
(hope His mother gone by now!)

Jesus barely stand up  
advanced shock  
cold, pale sweaty skin  
blood pressure falling  
pulse pounding  
respiration shallow, barely perceptible  
weak

PEOPLE touched, moved, ready to stop, too  
REL RULERS blood-thirsty, cried for blood  
others picked it up, all shouting  
-Rel Rul push to have ME do dirty work

## **JESUS DURING THIS**

JESUS standing there taking it all in, alert  
strange: no anger, cursing, hate from prisoner  
calm, dignified, in control of it all  
perhaps this Man really divine in some way!  
Rel Rulers said he was king/god  
Jesus Himself said he was king/god  
FEAR of having flogged a god!  
greater than fear of Jews/loss of job  
now we're talking ETERNAL conseq!

## **TOOK JESUS BACK INSIDE**

***“Are you really a god? I mean, I know you're from Nazareth, but are you from where gods come from, too?”***

JESUS SILENT  
Knew my mind made up  
-put my NECK before my SOUL  
Not willing to do what is right, just want fear removed  
Like He was DETERMINED to die  
not try to convince me He's a god so I'll release

Silence bothered me more than any words would have!  
Tried to INTIMIDATE Him to get me off the hook

Cool, controlled, said:

**“God is in control of this all.”**

**“Any power you have is from God or you wouldn’t have it”**

**“I won’t absolve you of your guilt in this. Others are more accountable and guilty than you, though.”**

## **ATTEMPT TO RELEASE JESUS**

Back outside, told Jews I wanted to release Him

***“He’s Your KING!!!”***

not sure just what kind of king, but believed it!

(SIGN ON CROSS SAYING SO)

they refused to allow it

threatened to go to Rome, say I was disloyal

THEY were disloyal to Rome, not me!

Hypocrites, manipulating me

*Oh how I hate them!*

**WASHED MY HANDS** to show I was absolving myself from guilt

(water didn’t do it - kept washing hands rest of life)

hands not dirty, conscience unclean!

**SAVED MY NECK** (Temporarily).

Jews didn’t report me to Rome then

3 years later did - killing rebellious Samaritans

removed, forced to take own life preserve honor

## **LOST MY SOUL**

guilty, hardened, bitter, fearful rest of life

killed James, leader, disc Jesus (almost Peter)

separated from God for all eternity

my questions then answered

that man Jesus WAS a King!

everyone on the other side of grave knew

those with Him for eternity: accept Him  
those separated from Him for eternity: reject Him  
I had clear chance to recognize this, didn't

## **KEPT ME FROM HIM**

PRIDE - not want to submit, give in, want to be first  
FEAR - what others think, say;

**compromise**

**seems answer, but only temporary lp  
short-term help, long-term worse off!**

**Next time must compromise more & more**

put my neck BEFORE my SOUL  
learn from me - don't do that!

**He IS KING, I know that now!**

**He didn't act like one then, another purpose  
(salvation)**

**He will act like it next time returns to earth!**

**And He will come back - as king!!!**

**Revelation 19 tells about it**

## **III. THE KING RETURNS**

when I won military victory would return to Rome and parade thru town on main street, me on white horse in front -

KING JESUS do same thing!

LOCATION: Mt of Olives (not Rome)

BATTLE: Armageddon starting, Jesus defeats all

***Rev 19:11 saw heaven standing open -dramatic, big entry  
and there before me was a white horse,***

white: purity, holiness

horse: war, power, glory

#1 rode DONKEY into Jerusalem  
#2 ride WAR HORSE into Jerusalem

***whose rider is called Faithful and True.***

Faithful: keep all promises @ coming king  
True: remove all untruth, deception

***With justice he judges and makes war.***

Justice: finally all fair, right; sin removed  
Judges, makes war: #1 lamb to die  
#2 lion to kill, reign

***12 His eyes are like blazing fire,***

Eyes: see everything, motives of heart  
Fire: burning vengeance, righteous indignation/anger

***and on his head are many crowns.***

Many crowns: sovereign ruler of all nations  
#1 crown of thorns  
#2 crown of glory, honor, authority

***He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.***

Name: character, nature - unknown before now

***13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood,***

#1 covered with own blood, for believers  
#2 enemies blood shed in judgment, unbelief

***and his name is the Word of God.***

#1 "Jesus" - Savior, deliverer, come to save  
#2 "Word" from His mouth destroys, judgment  
Like in Gethsemane, all pinned to ground  
Not SILENT to enemies, destroy w/ Word

**14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.**

Believers and angels! - holy in Him!

**15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.**

No grace, mercy #1 grace, mercy, love  
#2 judgment, terror

**16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

#1 rejected as King, except for a few  
#2 ALL see, recognize

## **CONCLUSION**

**How do you see Him? (point to some & ask)**

**I don't just mean on Sunday morning**

**Saw enough hypocrisy from Jew rel rulers!**

**I'm talking about in day-to-day life**

**No one watching**

**Hidden thoughts of own mind/heart**

**THAT'S where throne is now**

**#1 = provide salvation, mock King**

**#2 = King to rule over all forever**

**King of your heart now???**