

CHAPTER 129

Pilate Proclaims: “Look! The Man!”

(Matthew 27:15-17) Now from festival to festival, it was the custom of the governor to release a prisoner to the crowd, whomever they wanted. 16 Just at that time they were holding a notorious prisoner called Bar·ab'bas. 17 So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them: “Which one do you want me to release to you, Bar·ab'bas or Jesus the so-called Christ?”

(Matthew 27:20-30) But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Bar·ab'bas, but to have Jesus put to death. 21 In response the governor said to them: “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” They said: “Bar·ab'bas.” 22 Pilate said to them: “What, then, should I do with Jesus the so-called Christ?” They all said: “To the stake with him!” 23 He said: “Why? What bad thing did he do?” Still they kept shouting out all the more: “To the stake with him!” 24 Seeing that it did no good but, rather, an uproar was arising, Pilate took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying: “I am innocent of the blood of this man. You yourselves must see to it.” 25 At that all the people said in answer: “Let his blood come upon us and upon our children.” 26 Then he released Bar·ab'bas to them, but he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be executed on the stake. 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s residence and gathered the whole body of troops together around him. 28 And disrobing him, they draped him with a scarlet cloak, 29 and they braided a crown out of thorns and put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying: “Greetings, you King of the Jews!” 30 And they spat on him and took the reed and began hitting him on his head.

(Mark 15:6-19) Well, from festival to festival, he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. 7 At the time the man named Bar·ab'bas was in prison with the seditionists, who in their sedition had committed murder. 8 So the crowd came up and began to make their request according to what Pilate used to do for them. 9 He responded to them, saying: “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” 10 For Pilate

was aware that out of envy the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Bar·ab'bas to them instead. 12 Again in reply Pilate said to them: “What, then, should I do with the one you call the King of the Jews?” 13 Once more they cried out: “To the stake with him!” 14 But Pilate went on to say to them: “Why? What bad thing did he do?” Still they cried out all the more: “To the stake with him!” 15 At that Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Bar·ab'bas to them; and after having Jesus whipped, he handed him over to be executed on the stake. 16 The soldiers now led him off into the courtyard, that is, into the governor’s residence, and they called the whole body of troops together. 17 And they dressed him in purple and braided a crown of thorns and put it on him; 18 and they began to call out to him: “Greetings, you King of the Jews!” 19 Also, they were hitting him on the head with a reed and spitting on him, and they got on their knees and bowed down to him.

(Luke 23:18-25) But the whole crowd shouted out: “Do away with this man, and release Bar·ab'bas to us!” 19 (This man had been thrown into prison for sedition that had occurred in the city and for murder.) 20 Again Pilate called out to them, because he wanted to release Jesus. 21 Then they began to yell, saying: “To the stake with him! To the stake with him!” 22 The third time he said to them: “Why? What bad thing did this man do? I found in him nothing deserving of death; I will therefore punish him and release him.” 23 At this they became insistent, demanding with loud voices that he be executed, and their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate made the decision that their demand be met. 25 He released the man whom they were demanding, who had been thrown into prison for sedition and murder, but he surrendered Jesus to their will.

(John 18:39-19:5) Moreover, you have a custom that I should release a man to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” 40 Again they shouted: “Not this man, but Bar·ab'bas!” Now Bar·ab'bas was a robber.

19 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged him. 2 And the soldiers braided a crown of thorns and put it on his head and clothed him with a purple robe, 3 and they kept coming up to him and saying: “Greetings,

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you King of the Jews!" They also kept slapping him in the face. 4 Pilate went outside again and said to them: "See! I bring him outside to you in order for you to know that I find no fault in him." 5 So Jesus came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them: "Look! The man!"

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(Luke 23:14, 15) and said to them: "You brought this man to me as one inciting the people to revolt. Now look! I examined him in front of you but found in this man no grounds for the charges you are bringing against him. 15 In fact, neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us, and look! he has done nothing deserving of death.

(John 18:39) Moreover, you have a custom that I should release a man to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

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(Matthew 27:17) So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them: "Which one do you want me to release to you, Bar-ab'bas or Jesus the so-called Christ?"

(Matthew 27:21) In response the governor said to them: "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said: "Bar-ab'bas."

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(Matthew 27:22) Pilate said to them: "What, then, should I do with Jesus the so-called Christ?" They all said: "To the stake with him!"

(Luke 23:22) The third time he said to them: "Why? What bad thing did this man do? I found in him nothing deserving of death; I will therefore punish him and release him."

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(Matthew 27:23) He said: "Why? What bad thing did he do?" Still they kept shouting out all the more: "To the stake with him!"

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(Matthew 27:24, 25) Seeing that it did no good but, rather, an uproar was arising, Pilate took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this man. You yourselves must see to it." 25 At that all the people said in answer: "Let his blood come upon us and upon our children."

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(Matthew 27:28, 29) And disrobing him, they draped him with a scarlet cloak, 29 and they braided a crown out of thorns and put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying: "Greetings, you King of the Jews!"

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(John 19:4, 5) Pilate went outside again and said to them: "See! I bring him outside to you in order for you to know that I find no fault in him." 5 So Jesus came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them: "Look! The man!"

◇How does Pilate attempt to have Jesus released and thereby absolve himself of responsibility?

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◇What is involved in being scourged?

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◇After Jesus is scourged, how is he further mistreated?

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