Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

II. The ***Sacrifice*** of the **Servant** (11:1-16:20)

A. **His *Triumphal* Entry** into **Jerusalem** – Sunday (11:1-11)
B. **His *Tempered* Response** to **Fruitlessness** and **Temple Impurity** – Monday (11:12-19)
C. **His *Teachings*** in **Jerusalem** (11:20-14:52)

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1. The ***Trial*** before **Caiaphas** (14:53-65)
2. The ***Tragic Collapse*** of **Peter** (14:66-72)

3. The ***Testimony*** before **Pilate** (15:1-15)

15 Early in the morning the **chief priests** with the **elders** and **scribes**
and the **whole Council**, immediately held a **consultation**;
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**.

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**.

Messiah's Testimony before **Pilate**
Summary/Observations

A. The ***Deceit*** of the **Religious Rulers**

Then the **whole body** of them (**Sanhedrin**) got up and **brought Him** before **Pilate**.
(Luke 23:1)

Therefore **Pilate *went out*** to **them** and said,
"**What accusation** do you bring ***against*** this **Man**?"

They answered and said to him,
"If this **Man** were ***not*** **an evildoer**, we would ***not*** have **delivered Him** to **you**."

So **Pilate** said to them,
"**Take Him** yourselves, and **judge Him** according to ***your*** **law**."

The **Jews** said to **him**, "We are **not permitted** to put anyone to **death**,"
(John 18:29-31)

And they began to **accuse Him**, saying,
"We found this **man misleading** our **nation** and **forbidding** to **pay taxes** to **Caesar**,
and **saying** that **He Himself** is **Messiah, a King**." (Luke 23:2)

B. The ***Discourse*** between **Jesus** and **Pilate**

Then **Pilate questioned Him** again, saying, "**Do You not answer**?
See how **many charges** they bring **against You**!"

But **Jesus** made **no *further* answer**; so **Pilate** was **amazed**. (Mark 14:4-5)

Therefore **Pilate** entered again into the **Praetorium**,
and **summoned Jesus** and said to **Him**, "**Are You** the **King of the Jews**?"
Jesus answered,
"Are you **saying this** on your **own initiative**, or did **others tell you** about **Me**?"

Pilate answered, "**I am *not*** a **Jew,** am I? **Your own *nation***
and the **chief priests** delivered **You** to me; ***what*** have **You done**?"

Jesus answered, "**My kingdom** is **not** of **this world**.
If **My kingdom** were of this **world**, then **My servants** would be ***fighting***
so that I would **not be handed** over to the **Jews**;
but as it is, **My kingdom** is **not** of **this realm**."

Therefore **Pilate** said to Him, "**So You are a king**?"
Jesus answered, "You say ***correctly*** that **I am a king**. For **this** I have been **born,**
and for **this I have come** into the **world,** to **testify** to the **truth**.

Everyone who is of the **truth *hears* My voice**."
Pilate said to **Him**, "***What* is truth**?..."

and he entered into the **Praetorium** again and said to **Jesus**,
"***Where*** are **You from**?" But **Jesus** gave him **no answer**.

So **Pilate** said to **Him**, "**You do *not* speak to me**?
Do You not **know** that I have **authority** to ***release* You**,
and I have **authority** to ***crucify* You**?"

Jesus answered, **"You** would have **no authority** over **Me**,
unless it had been **given you** from **above**; for this reason **he** who ***delivered Me***
to you has *the* ***greater* sin**."(John 18:33-38, 19:9-11)

C. The ***Desperation*** of **Pilate**

1. ***Declaring*** a number of times that **he believed Jesus** to be **innocent** of the **charges** leveled against **Him** (Matthew 27:23) (Luke 23:4, 14, 22) (Mark 15:14) (John 18:38, 19:4, 6)

2. ***Desiring*** and **attempting** to **set Jesus free** according to the **clemency** given to **one accused prisoner** each year for **Passover** (Matthew 27:15-18, 20-21) (Mark 15:6-15) (Luke 23:17-23) (John 18:39-40)

3. ***Directed*** by **his wife**, who **suffered "greatly"** by a **dream**, to have **nothing** to do with that **"righteous Man"** (**Jesus**) (Matthew 27:19)

4. ***Deliberately*** sending **Jesus** to **Herod** for **judgment**, in a desire to **"pass"** that **responsibility** on to **him** (Luke 23:6-11)

5. ***Displaying*** **Jesus publicly** *several* times, even after **scourging, beatings**, and **mockery**, in a ***desperate*** **attempt** to **appeal** to the **Jewish leaders** and the **people,** to **not demand His crucifixion** (Matthew 27:21-24) (Luke 23: 20-23) (John 19:1-7, 12, 14-15)

6. ***Declaring*** **publicly,** by **washing his hands** before the **people**, that **he** was **"innocent** of this **Man's blood** (**Jesus**)" (Matthew 27:24)

D. The ***Determination*** of **Evil**

1. ***Issuing*** a **condemnation** of **Jesus** on a **false charge** of **blasphemy** (Matthew 26:65-66) (Mark 14:63-64) (John 19:7)

2. ***Impugning*** **Jesus** with **false charges** before **Pilate** (**Luke 23:1-5**) (John 19:7, 12)

3. ***Insulting*** and **physically abusing Jesus** ***before*** bringing **Him** to **Pilate** (Matthew 26:67-68) (Mark 14:65) (Luke 22:63-65) (John 18:21-23)

4. ***Inciting*** and **stirring up** the **people** to **demand** that the **criminal Barabbas** be **freed,** and **Jesus** be **crucified** (Matthew 27:20-21) (Mark 15:7-11) (Luke 23:17-21) (John 18:38-40)

5. ***Ignoring*** and **rejecting Pilate's pleas** on behalf of **Jesus**, and ***Insisting*** that **Jesus** be **crucified** (Matthew 27:22-23) (Mark 15:12-14) (Luke 23:20-23) (John 19:1-15)

6. ***Indicting*** **themselves,** by ***willingly*** taking **responsibility** for **Jesus' death** (Matthew 27:24-25) (Luke 23:23) (John 19:15)

E. The ***Decision*** by **Pilate** to **Crucify Jesus**

1. A ***Decision*** from which **Pilate** sought to **absolve himself** from (Matthew 27:24)

2. A ***Decision*** based on **political expediency** (Matthew 27:24a) (Mark 15:15a) (Luke 23:23-25) (John 19:12, 15-16)

Closing Comments