

The Third Sorrowful mystery

The Crowning with Thorns

- 1 They took Jesus from Caiaphas' house to Pilate's headquarters.
- 2 Pilate asked 'What accusation do you make against this man?'
3. 'If this man was not a criminal we would not have handed him over to you'.
4. 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death'.
- 5 'I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any charges against him'
- 6 Pilate asked him 'are you the King of the Jews?'
- 7 The chief priests stirred up the crowd to release Barabbas
- 8 Pilate said 'Here is the Man'
- 9 The chief priests and the police shouted '**Crucify Him!**'
- 10 The soldiers led him out to crucify him.



Session 3: Jesus before Pilate

Though Jesus is arrested, beaten and condemned to death by the Sanhedrin we saw how he remains the one in control. When they come to arrest him he goes out to meet them. During his rigged trial he remains silent. Only when the High Priest puts him under oath does Jesus speak saying he "is the Son of Man, seated at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of Heaven– a claim to be the divine "Son of Man" **Daniel 7.**

At this, the Sanhedrin charge him with blasphemy and condemn him to death. Now they carefully plan their next move. They do not have the authority to carry out capital punishment and they must convince Pontius Pilate to crucify Jesus.

Pilate sees that Jesus is innocent but when the chief priests keep the pressure on, Pilate sends Jesus off to be scourged and crowned with thorns, hoping that will placate the Jewish leaders.

But when they threaten Pilate saying "if your release this man you are no friend of Caesar" it is more pressure than Pilate can bear. He sends Jesus off to be crucified.

Jesus before Pilate

Then the Sanhedrin rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Jesus before Herod

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate's original verdict

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and released.

Jesus Sentenced to Death

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Use this space to write down **any words or phrases** that stand out for you from **the bible text**.

Use this space to write down what stood out for you **from the Video**.

From the Video, what made the most impression upon you?

Reflect

Pilate wanted to 'wash his hands' of all responsibility for putting Jesus to death, and blame his action on the Jews. In your heart think of something you know is wrong but try to justify it for yourself.

Commit In your heart, tell Jesus and that you are sorry. Take this sin to Jesus the next time you go to Confession. If your sin has hurt someone else find a way to tell that person you are sorry, if you can.

Pray An **Act of Contrition** helps us take full responsibility for how we have offended God and others

**O my God
thank you for loving me.
I am sorry for all my sins
for not loving others
and not loving You.
Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.**