

John 19:4-18

4-6. Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that **I find no fault in Him.**" Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man." Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "**Crucify Him, crucify Him!**" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for **I find no FAULT in Him.**"

- **Luke 23:20-23** "_____, therefore, wishing to _____ Jesus, again called out to them. But they shouted, saying, '_____ Him, _____ Him!' And he said to them the third time, 'Why, what _____ has He done? I have found _____ reason for _____ in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.' But they were insistent, demanding with _____ voices that He be _____. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed."

Definition: "I find no FAULT in Him" - Pilate could find no fault in Jesus, because there WAS no fault or sin of any kind in Him. Jesus was the absolutely sinless Son of God, and although He had a truly human body, and was tempted to sin as we are, He never gave in to the temptation and sinned.

- **Hebrews 7:26** "For such a High Priest (Jesus) was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless, _____, separate from _____, and has become higher than the heavens."
- **Hebrews 4:15** "For we do not have a High Priest (Jesus) who cannot sympathize with our _____, but was in all points _____ as we are, yet without _____."

7-9. The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law **He ought to DIE**, because **He MADE Himself** the Son of God." Therefore, **when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid**, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" **But Jesus gave him no ANSWER.**

- **John 5:17-18** "But Jesus answered them, 'My _____ has been working until now, and I have been working.' Therefore the _____ sought all the more to _____ him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also _____ that _____ was His _____, _____ Himself _____ with _____."
- **Luke 23:9** "Then he questioned Him with many words, but He _____ him _____."
- **Isaiah 53:7** "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not _____ His _____; He is brought as a _____ to the _____, and as a _____ before her shearers is dumb, so He did not _____ His _____."
- **I Peter 2:21-23** "For to this you were called, because _____ also _____ for us, leaving us an _____, that you should follow in His steps: 'Who committed no _____, nor was guile found in His mouth,' who, when He was _____, did not _____ in return; when He _____, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously."

Definition: "When He was REVILED, did not REVILE in RETURN" - Revile means to be verbally abusive or use abusive language. **Jesus did NOT answer back, threaten or curse** the soldiers who were abusing Him. Jesus knew that everything

that was happening was according to God's plan, and He committed Himself to the Father. God's word tells us that the way Jesus acted when He was suffering unjustly is **to be our EXAMPLE of how we are to react to abuse**, persecution and **unfair treatment** from others.

- **I Peter 3:8-9** "Finally, _____ of _____ be of one mind, having compassion for one another; _____ as _____, be tenderhearted, be courteous; _____ returning _____ for _____ or _____ for _____, but on the contrary _____, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing."

Definition: "Making Himself EQUAL with God." - Jesus was ABSOLUTELY RIGHT in making statements that claimed He was EQUAL with God, because He WAS God! He was God come to earth in the FLESH, having taken HUMAN FORM and BECOME a MAN. Jesus is given many titles for Himself in Scripture that belong only to God, such as "Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Also, He receives WORSHIP from men and angels (see Rev. 5:5-14; Hebrews 1:6).

- **Colossians 2:9** "For In Him (Jesus Christ) dwells all the _____ of the _____ bodily, and you are complete in Him, who is the _____ of all principality and power."
- **John 1:1-3 & 14** "In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the _____ was _____. He was in the beginning with God. All things were _____ through _____, and without Him _____ was _____ that was made." (verse 14) "And the _____ became _____ and _____ among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
- **Revelation 1:8 & 11 & 17-18** "I am the _____ and the _____, the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord, 'Who is and who was and who is to come, the _____.'" (Verse 11) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the _____ and the _____.'" (Verses 17b-18) "Do NOT be AFRAID; I am the _____ and the _____. I am He who _____, and was _____, and behold, I am _____ forevermore. Amen. And I have the Keys of Hades and of Death."
- **Isaiah 44:6** "Thus says the _____, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts, '_____ am the _____ and I am the _____. And there is no _____ besides Me.'"
- **Revelation 22:13 & 16** "I am the _____ and _____, the Beginning and the End, the _____ and the _____." (Verse 16) "I, _____ have sent _____ angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Definition: "When Pilate heard that saying, he was the MORE AFRAID" - Not only did Pilate have his own instincts and conscience warning him that Jesus was innocent, but his wife had a dream concerning Jesus, and she warned her husband not to be involved in the underhanded dealings of the Jewish leaders.

- **Matthew 27:19** "While he (Pilate) was sitting on the _____ seat, his _____ sent to him saying, 'Have _____ to do with that just (righteous, innocent) Man, for I have _____ many things today in a _____ because of Him.'"

10-11. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are you not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "**You could have NO POWER at all against Me** unless it had been given to you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

- **I Corinthians 2:7-8** "For we speak the wisdom of God in a _____, the hidden wisdom which God _____ before the _____ for our glory, which none of the _____ of this age knew; for had they _____, they would never have _____ the Lord of _____."

Definition: "YOU could have NO POWER at ALL AGAINST Me" - Pilate thought he had power over Jesus, but if he had known **who Jesus really was**, he never would have allowed the Jews to use him as their pawn, and he would have realized he had no power at all. Jesus knew that everything that was happening was **according to God's plan**, and NO ONE could hurt Him or mistreat Him unless the Father allowed it. **Pilate and the Jewish leaders did NOT kill Jesus and TAKE His life - He GAVE His life** for us on the cross. In fact, as far as God was concerned, Jesus had already paid for the sins of the world as **"the Lamb who was SLAIN from the foundation of the world"**. This is a **"mystery"** in that we do not understand how time has no meaning to God, and how something that hasn't happened yet, humanly speaking, has "already happened" in the mind of God.

- **Revelation 13:8** "And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of _____ of the _____ which was _____ from the _____ of the world."
- **John 1:29** "The next day John saw _____ coming toward him, and he said, "Behold! The _____ of God who takes away the sins of the world!"
- **I Peter 1:19-20** "....but with the precious blood of _____, as of a _____ without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained (determined beforehand) before the _____ of the _____, but was manifest in these last times for you."
- **John 10:17-18** "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I _____ My life that I may _____ it again. No one _____ it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have _____ to lay it down, and I have _____ to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Definition: "I LAY IT DOWN of Myself" "I have POWER to TAKE IT AGAIN" - If Jesus had just said, "I lay down My life of Myself" we might say He just meant He was laying it down as an offering to God, just as any martyr could do. However, Jesus said He has the power to "take it up again" (come back to life), so we know He is talking about **something far greater than anything a mere human being could do**. He had the POWER to "yield (give) up His spirit" on the cross - **to release His spirit to the Father at the TIME that He CHOSE**. Most crucifixions took ALL DAY, if not DAYS, to kill the person, yet Jesus was dead within a few short hours. Even Pilate and the Roman soldiers were surprised that He was dead so soon.

- **Mark 15:44** "Pilate marveled (was surprised) that He was _____ dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been _____ for some time."

12-15. From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, **"If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend.** Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" **Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"** The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

- **Matthew 27:24** "When _____ saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult (riot) was rising, he took _____ and _____ his _____ before the multitude, saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.'"

Definition: "If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend" - The chief priests and Jewish leaders were threatening Pilate, **blackmailing him** into doing what they wanted, by saying that **he would be considered a TRAITOR** to Caesar, the Roman Emperor, if he treated Jesus as a king. Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, but he gave in to fear and political pressure from the Jews. He washed his hands in front of them all to symbolize the fact that he didn't want anything to do with their plot against Jesus.

16-18. So he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called **the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha**, where they crucified Him, and **two others with Him**, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

- **Luke 23:32-33** "There were also _____ others, _____, led with Him to be put to _____. And when they had come to the place called _____, there they _____ Him and the criminals, one on the _____ and the other on the _____."

Definition: "The Place of a SKULL, which is called in Hebrew, GOLGOTHA" - The hill outside Jerusalem that was shaped like a skull. The Latin for "skull" is calvarius, where we get the name **Calvary**. The Hebrew name is Golgotha, which also means skull. This area outside of the city was also the garbage heap for the people of Jerusalem, and was the place where executions were carried out.

Definition: "They CRUCIFIED Him, and TWO OTHERS with Him" - The other Gospel accounts tell us that two thieves were crucified with Jesus, and that they both reviled and insulted Him at first. Luke give us more insight into **one of the thieves who later cried out in faith to Jesus**. Jesus promised him that he would be with Him in Paradise that very day. The thief did not fully understand who Jesus was or what He was doing, but he acknowledged Him by recognizing that Jesus had done no wrong, and by calling him Lord (Romans 10:9-10).

- **Matthew 27:38 & 44-45** "Then there were two _____ crucified with Him, one on the _____ hand, and another on the _____." "The _____ also, which were _____ with Him, were casting the same _____ at Him..."
- **Luke 23:39-43** "And one of the _____ who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, 'Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!' But the _____ answered, and rebuking him said, 'Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we _____ for our deeds; but this Man has done nothing _____.' And he was saying to Jesus, '_____, remember me when You come into Your _____!' And Jesus said to him, 'Truly I say to you, _____ you shall be with _____ in _____.'"