That You May Believe . . .

Studies in John's Gospel

Part 53

"How Clear Is Our Condemnation . . . Your Portion, Your Choice"

Act 4

John 18:38-19:16

Sunday
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John 18:38-40

38 Pilate said to Him, "**What is truth**?" *And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no* ***grounds for complaint*** *in Him.* ***(Lu. 23:13-25 from Herod back to Pilate)***

6th inquisition

39 "But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?"
40 So they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was an insurrectionist ***(terrorist)***.

John 19:1-16

1 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. ***(This was the 1st of 2 floggings . . . the other more severe was the flogging after the sentencing Mt. 27:26)***
2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him;
3 and they ***were coming*** up to Him and ***saying***, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and ***giving*** Him ***blows*** in the face.
4 Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no ***grounds for complaint*** in Him."
5 Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!"
6 So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "***Death on a cross! Death on a cross***!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no ***grounds for complaint*** in Him."
7 The Jews answered him, "We have ***an abiding*** law, and ***according to*** that law He ought to die because He made Himself the Son of God."
8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he ***became*** even more afraid;
9 and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.
10 So Pilate said to Him, "You ***are not speaking*** to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"
11 Jesus answered, "You would ***not*** have authority ***against*** Me . . . ***not any***, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason, ***the one delivering*** Me to you ***is incurring*** the greater sin."
12 As a result of this Pilate ***was seeking*** to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king ***is opposing*** Caesar."
13 Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ***(Here Pilate washed his hands stating he was innocent of this Man's blood Mt. 27:24)***
14 Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour ***(12 noon)***. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"
15 So 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."
16 So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

- Review: His rule
- Our expression & our lips have shown evil to ourselves
- Settling
- Your portion
- Can't wash this sin away

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