

Series Title:

“The Drama of Redemption”

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Sermon Title:

“Jesus on Trial”

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(Act 1 – Scene 2)

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Sermon Text:

Matthew 27:1-2, 15-26; John 18:28-38, Luke 23:8-12

Introduction:

♦ *The cross is the centerpiece of the Gospel message that we _____ in, _____ in, and _____ in!*

I. **The Jewish Trial Of Jesus** (Matthew 26:47-66; John 18:1-14, 19-24)

II. **The _____ Trial of Jesus** (Matthew 27:1-2)

A. **Phase 1** - **Jesus on trial before _____** (Matthew 27:1-2; John 18:28-38)

- Who was this man, and what kind of man was he?
- *Why did the Sanhedrin refuse to enter the Praetorium?*
- The place where Pilate met with the Jewish leaders was called _____.
(John 19:13)

“The Jewish leaders must have assumed that because of Pilate’s deep-seated hatred for the Jewish people, he would have ordered Jesus to be put death without asking any questions!”

- *The Jewish leaders weren’t looking for a _____ - they were looking for an _____!*
- Luke 23:2; Mark 15:4-5

“The pressure was beginning to mount! What was Pilate going to do? He knew that Jesus didn’t deserve to die, and yet he didn’t want to incite the crowd and create another incident!”

- Luke 13:1-3; 23:5-7

B. **Phase 2** - **Jesus on trial before _____** (Luke 23:8-12)

- *Herod Antipas was the son of _____ who was in power at the time of _____.*
- Luke 9:6-9

- What is the meaning of the word translated “*vehemently*” in verse 10?
- *He wanted to see Jesus perform a miracle, a supernatural act, an amusing trick! In other words, he wanted to be _____!*
- Herod viewed the whole thing as nothing more than a _____!
- *The first and second phase of the Roman trial ended with an _____!*

C. **Phase 3** - **Jesus on trial before _____** (Matthew 27:15-26)

“As an act of mercy to a conquered people, it was customary for the governor to release a criminal during the Passover.”

- *Pilate’s choice of Barabbas wasn’t a _____ selection – rather, it was very much _____!*
- John 18:40; Mark 15:7; Luke 13:19
- ***Pilate’s Brilliant Plan:*** He was sure that the Jewish leaders would choose _____ because they _____ Jesus; and he was sure that the Jewish people would choose _____ because they feared _____!
- *Pilate had _____ the _____ of the Jewish leaders, and he had _____ the _____ of the Jewish people.*
- What two options did Pilate have left?

Conclusion:

Pilate’s words ring loudly this morning – “*What shall I do with Jesus?*”

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.