

Jesus' Trial before World Power

(Note: this outline is from *Commentary on John* by Dale Bruner)

Prelude: from Caiaphas to Praetorium (18:28)

Early morning. The people do not go inside to be ritually pure for the Passover Meal that evening.

Act I

Scene 1, Outside: The Charge (18:29-32)

Pilate: "What charge do you bring against this man?"

People: "If this character hadn't been doing bad stuff, we wouldn't be here."

Pilate: "You try him!"

People: "We can't." (A Prophecy)

Scene 2, Inside: The Truth (18:33-38a)

Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus: "Are you asking this on your own or from others?"

Pilate: "What did you do?"

Jesus: "My Kingdom is not from down here."

Pilate: "So you are a King, then?"

Jesus: "You say that. My whole purpose is Truth."

Pilate: "What is Truth?"

Scene 3, Outside: The Choice (18:38b-40)

Pilate: "I find no crime in him. Choice: "How about the King of the Jews?"

People: "Not this character! But Barabbas!"

Intermission

Scene 4, Probably Inside: The Mocking (19:1-3)

Pilate, Jesus, and Soldiers: Flog, Crown, Robe, "Hi King," Slaps

Act II

Scene 5, Outside: The Man (19:4-7)

Pilate: "I want you to see why I find no crime in him. Look: The Man!"

People: "Crucify! Crucify!"

Pilate: "Crucify him yourself! I find no crime in him."

People: "By Law he must die. He made himself Son of God."

Scene 6, Inside: The Power (19:8-11)

Pilate: (More afraid than ever): "Where do you come from?"

Jesus: No answer.

Pilate: "Not answering me?! I have the power to free or to crucify you!"

Jesus: "No power but from above. Who turned me in has greater guilt."

Scene 7, Outside: The King (19:12-15)

Pilate: At this, Pilate tried very hard to release Jesus.

People: Roar, "If you do, no Friend of Caesar. Every King is contra Caesar."

Pilate: From Judgment Seat Pilate says of Jesus, "Look! Your King!"

People: Roar, "Out of here! Out of Here! Crucify him!"

Pilate: "Crucify you King?!"

High Priests: "We have no King but Caesar!"

Postlude (19:16a) "Then Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified."



For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
"What is truth?" Pilate asked. John 18|37b-38a

Jesus is sovereign over world power

He put truth before political compromise
He exposed corrupt motives of religious leaders
He bore humiliating torture in humble obedience



What do we do with Jesus?

Pilate came close to truth but chose career
Jewish leaders forfeited their faithfulness
Who is really God in our lives? Jesus is Truth

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:12

The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"
As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him
they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

John 19:5-6

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