

JOHN: THE WORD: GRACE AND TRUTH

**A short review:**

**<sup>33</sup> Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." <sup>37</sup> Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." <sup>38</sup> 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 guilt in Him. <sup>39</sup> 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?" <sup>40</sup> So they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber. John 18:33-40 NASB**

- **Pilate, the Roman governor, is trying to figure Jesus out...who He is and what He has done.**
  - **He does not understand that Jesus being a King with a Kingdom in another 'realm'...another realm with no origin or source in this world.**
  - **The Jews denied the chance for Jesus to be set free.**
  - **Instead, they cried out for Barrabas, a thief, to be released.**
    - **Barabbas is an Aramaic name that means son of abba...son of the father.**
  - **They release the son of a father in order to crucify the Son of the Father.**

**19 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; <sup>3</sup> and they began to come up to Him and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him slaps in the face. <sup>4</sup> 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 guilt in Him." <sup>5</sup> Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate \*said to them, "Behold, the Man!" <sup>6</sup> So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."**

**<sup>8</sup> Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; <sup>9</sup> and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate \*said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this Man, you are no**

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***friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."***

***<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" <sup>15</sup> 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." John 19:1-15 NASB***

- ***Pilate has Jesus beaten and the soldiers give Him a crown of thorns, a purple robe, and they mock Him.***
  - ***Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd of Jews and says, "Behold the Man" ...more accurately he should have said, "Behold the MAN-God!"***
  - ***The chief priests cry out 'crucify Him' and Pilate tells them, "Then you can crucify Him, I find no guilt in Him."***
  - ***They tell Pilate that He claims to be the Son of God, so He deserves to be crucified.***
  - ***This bothers Pilate and he asks Jesus, "Where are you from?"***
    - ***Jesus does not reply.***
  - ***Pilate tells Him that He must answer the question because Pilate has the authority to set Him free or to let them crucify Him.***
    - ***Jesus tells Pilate that Pilate would not have any authority unless it came from above.***
- ***The Jews were completely illegal in their plot against Jesus.***
  - ***They asked questions demanding that Jesus incriminate Himself, which was against the law of Jewish Justice...a defendant was not required to admit any guilt.***
  - ***They tried to assemble a court at night when it was illegal to try a case at night.***
  - ***They went first to the home of Annas, and in a non official setting, which was illegal.***
  - ***Jesus was being tried in a Passover week when no cases were to be tried.***
- ***Pilate schemes to release Jesus, but the Jews play the 'Caesar' card on him loud and in public.***
  - ***So, Pilate points to Jesus and says, "Behold your King...shall I crucify your King?"***
  - ***The chief priests answer, "We have no King but Caesar!"***
- ***Isn't it interesting...Peter denied Jesus three times and Pilate proclaimed that Jesus was innocent three times. (John 18:38, 19:4,6)***
- ***The chief priests of God's people loudly proclaim that, "We have no King but Caesar!"***

**Look at what God says:**

***<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to***

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***be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.<sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11 NASB***

- ***When you think about it, Pilate acted within his judicial authority, but Caiaphas violated his priestly duties just to see Jesus crucified. (see John 19:11)***
- ***His crucifixion:***

***<sup>16</sup> So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.<sup>17</sup> They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.<sup>18</sup> There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.<sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."<sup>20</sup> Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek.<sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."<sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece.<sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS."<sup>25</sup> Therefore the soldiers did these things. But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.<sup>26</sup> When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"<sup>27</sup> Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty."<sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth.<sup>30</sup> Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. John 19:16-30 NASB***

- ***Jesus carries His cross to the 'Place of the Skull'...Golgotha.***
  - ***He is crucified with two others...and Jesus had an inscription on His cross..." Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews" ...written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.***
  - ***The soldiers cast lots for His garments. (see Psalm 22:18)***
- ***Mary, the mother of Jesus, her sister, Mary Magdalene, and John are there at the cross.***
  - ***Jesus speaks to Mary and to John and pronounces a 'mother/son' relationship to them.***

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- **John took her into his own home and family.**
- **Jesus was thirsty and they tried to give him 'vinegar'...Jesus gave up His spirit and died.**

**<sup>31</sup> Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; <sup>33</sup> but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup> And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN." <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED." <sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. John 19:31-42 NASB**

- **The soldiers came to break the legs of the three who were being crucified so that they would die quicker, but Jesus was already dead.**
  - **One soldier pierced His side, causing water and blood to flow out of Him.**
- **John tells all of these things as a truthful eyewitness (eyewitness testimony – the smoking gun).**
- **These things came to pass to fulfill Scripture. (v36-37, Exodus 12:46, Zechariah 12:10)**
- **Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (see John 3) both 'step up' and prepare His body for burial in a tomb in a nearby garden.**

**IT IS NOT OVER YET!**