

## The Book of Mark: Someone's on Trial, Part 3

*Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.*

<sup>2</sup> *"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.*

*"You have said so," Jesus replied.*

<sup>3</sup> *The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."*

<sup>5</sup> *But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.*

<sup>6</sup> *Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup> A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup> The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.*

<sup>9</sup> *"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup> knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.*

<sup>12</sup> *"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.*

<sup>13</sup> *"Crucify him!" they shouted.*

<sup>14</sup> *"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.*

*But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"*

<sup>15</sup> *Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.*

*Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)*

*Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."*

<sup>3</sup> *So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"*

*"You have said so," Jesus replied.*

*Luke 22:1-3 (NIV)*

*When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."*

*"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."*

*Matthew 27:3-4 (NIV)*

*Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

*John 18:36 (NIV)*

*While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."*

*Matthew 27:19 (NIV)*

*Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people,<sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”<sup>17</sup> [a]*

*<sup>18</sup> But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” <sup>19</sup> (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)*

*<sup>20</sup> Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. <sup>21</sup> But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”  
Luke 23:13-21 (NIV)*

*When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”*

*<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”*

*<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.  
Matthew 27:24-26 (NIV)*

*“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.  
Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)*

*God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.  
Acts 2:32-33 (NIV)*

*“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”*

*<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

*<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Acts 2:36-38 (NIV)*

*The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”  
Acts 2:39 (NIV)*