

## The Rejection of the Messiah (John 19:1-15)

### I. Jesus is Beaten and Dishonored (1-5)

#### A. Pilate Sends Jesus to Be Scourged (1-3)

1. "Pilate then took Jesus and scourged him"
  - a. Although the Bible writers don't give much attention to the scourging – a Roman whipping was a dreadful process
  - b. The criminal was lashed with a shredded whip having pieces of bone or metal tied on the ends.
2. Jesus is Ridiculed as a False King (2)
  - a. He is forced to wear a crown of thorns
  - b. He is dressed in a purple robe
  - c. He is humiliated for the soldiers' amusement
3. Jesus is Abused after His Scourging (3)
  - a. The soldiers slapped Him and mocked Him as the King of the Jews
  - b. The text shows that this was done repeatedly and continuously.

#### B. Pilate Presents the Beaten Jesus to the Jews (4-5)

1. Pilate hopes the beating will draw the crowd's sympathy
  - a. Pilate announces He will bring Him out
  - b. Pilate announces that He has found no fault in Him
  - c. Pilate may have thought the gruesome beating would have satiated the crowd
2. Pilate Presents the Man (5)
  - a. Jesus came out dressed as a mock king
  - b. Jesus came out beaten and bloody

### II. Jesus is Accused of Blasphemy (6-7)

#### A. The Jews Demand Jesus' Execution (6a)

1. Things didn't work out like Pilate hoped
2. Instead of sympathy, the crowd grew more hateful
3. Now they simply demanded crucifixion

#### B. Pilate Desires to Be Rid of the Situation (6b)

1. His ploy failed, so once again Pilate tells them to take Jesus and do what they will with Him – Even crucify Him
  - a. Pilate is here granting that the Jews may exercise the death penalty
  - b. Pilate wants to be spared the responsibility of it
2. Pilate once again tells them Jesus is Innocent

#### C. The Jews Present the Charge (7)

1. The Jewish law requires the death penalty for blasphemy
2. Jesus has professed to be God's Son, which they cannot tolerate
  - a. If He truly is God's Son, he is right about them and their religion
  - b. They do not want to acknowledge the truth.

### III. Jesus Offers Himself Willingly (8-11)

#### A. Jesus Refuses to Defend Himself Before Pilate (8-9)

1. Pilate is afraid of the Jews' insistence (8)
  - a. He now knows what kind of King Jesus claims to be
  - b. Now he can put the "my kingdom is not of this world" sayings into perspective.
  - c. Also, his wife had a dream that he should not get involved. Perhaps Pilate sees this as a bad omen
2. Jesus Refuses to Speak to Pilate (9)
  - a. Jesus and Pilate go back into the Praetorium and Pilate questions Him again.
    - a. Pilate desperately wants to know who Jesus is
    - b. Pilate wants to know what kind of King Jesus is
  - b. Jesus refuses to answer a word to Pilate

#### B. Jesus Chooses to Remain Under the Father's Authority (10-11)

1. Pilate asserts his authority over Jesus (10)
  - a. Pilate can't believe Jesus won't speak to him
  - b. Pilate reminds Jesus that he alone has the power to kill him or set him free
2. Jesus Shows Pilate True Authority (11)
  - a. Pilate has no power except that which God allows him to have
  - b. Pilate is subservient to God whether he likes it or not
  - c. God has purposed this event and the Religious leaders bear more guilt than Pilate

### IV. Jesus is Rejected For Caesar (12-16)

#### A. Pilate is Pressured to Execute Jesus For Insurrection (12)

1. Pilate continues to try and release Jesus (12a)
2. The Jewish Leaders warn Pilate that releasing Jesus would be to betray Caesar.
3. Pilate knows Jesus poses no threat, but they claim that Jesus is a political and military king.
4. The Jewish Leaders use Pilate's own fears against Him

#### B. Pilate Presents Jesus again to disprove their claim (13-14)

1. Pilate brought Jesus out again and said "Behold Your King."
2. Pilate wanted to make sure they saw that Jesus was not any sort of earthly King.
3. Jesus must have looked a pitiful sight standing there.
4. Pilate sits down to render judgment

#### C. Jesus is Rejected by His People (15)

1. The crowd called out for Jesus' crucifixion
2. Pilate still doesn't want to crucify Jesus
3. Pilate asks if he should kill their king
4. Caesar is embraced by the Jews rather than their Messiah
5. The Jews have sworn allegiance to Rome rather than God.

#### D. So Pilate takes Jesus away to be killed (16)