



John the Evangelist & Peter
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Gospel of John

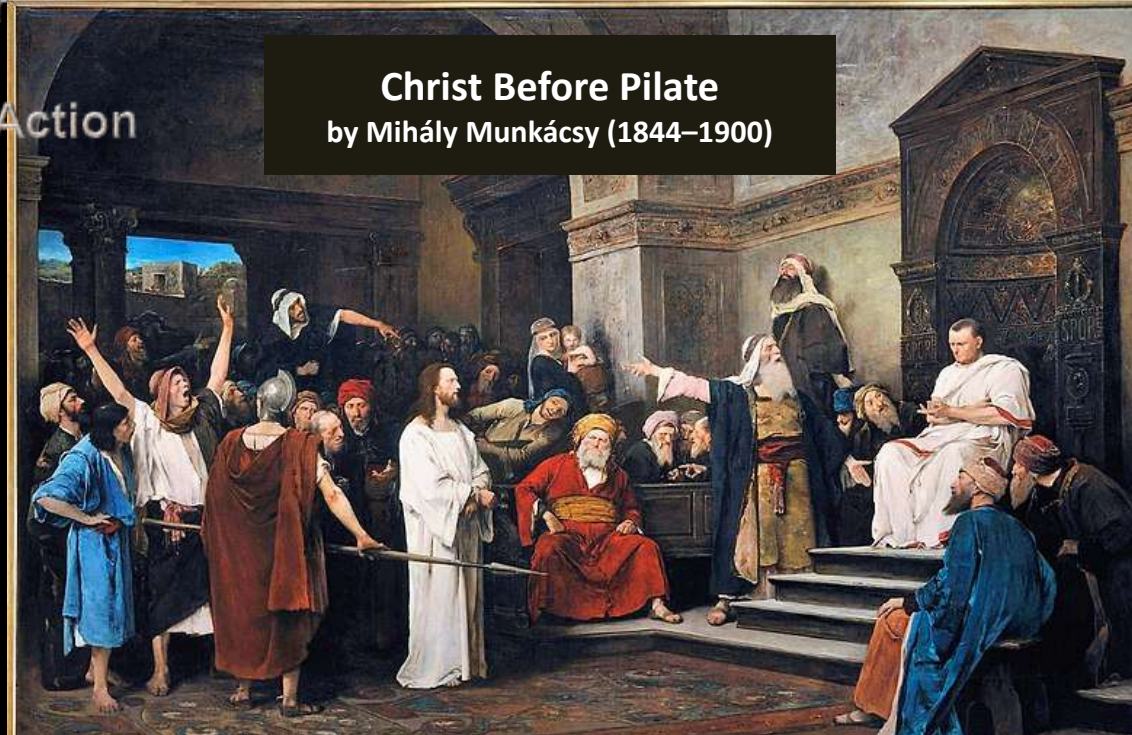
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- 12a Why Wasn't This Sold? – Love Jesus
- 12b If It Dies – Love **LORD**'s Field
- 13 I Will Come Again – Love One Another
- 14 Peace I Leave with You – Love the Father
- 15 Remain In Me – Love One Another
- April 9 *Happy Easter*
- 16 When the Spirit Comes – Love in Action
- 17 I Pray – Love Prays
- 18a I Am He – Love Knows
- 18:28-40 I Find No Fault
- 19 It Is Finished
- 20 Reach Out Your Hand
- 21 Do You Love Me?

18:36 Jesus said,
**My Kingdom is NOT of
this World**



Love Listens



Christ Before Pilate
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**John 18:28 Jewish leaders took Jesus
from Caiaphas to the palace
of the Roman governor.
By now it was early morning ...**



**28 to AVOID ceremonial uncleanness they didn't enter the
palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.**

**Eat 500-year-old Passover of Judaism Law from return of Exile
Recalling Death Angel PASSING Over c. 1590 B.C. > time of Moses**

**Matt 27:6-10 ... notes that BEFORE going to Pilate
Judas heard of the judgement
FELT guilty ... returned the 30 pieces of silver ...
THEN went out and HUNG himself**



**Matt 27:6-10 Chief Priests picked up the coins, “It is against
the law to put this into the treasury, since it is BLOOD money.”**

They bought Potter’s Field with the BLOOD Money ...

HOW can they think this is anything ethical?

After Jesus' arrest ... after seeing Annas & Caiaphas

Mark 14:1 notes

WHO is involved ...

14:1 Early in the morning, Chief Priests, Elders, Teachers of the LAW and the whole Sanhedrin, MADE THEIR PLANS.

Mark 13:35

**WATCH ye therefore:
for ye know not when the
master of the house Cometh,
at Evening, or at Midnight,
or at the Cockcrowing,
or in the Morning**

As said ... Jesus Knows ... is in **CONTROL** ...
Jesus looks down the concourse of time ... less than 12 hours
FOR you & me ... looking past the torments ...
Past the Cosmic Carnival of Evil unfolding **JUST FOR HIM**

for us ... a poem



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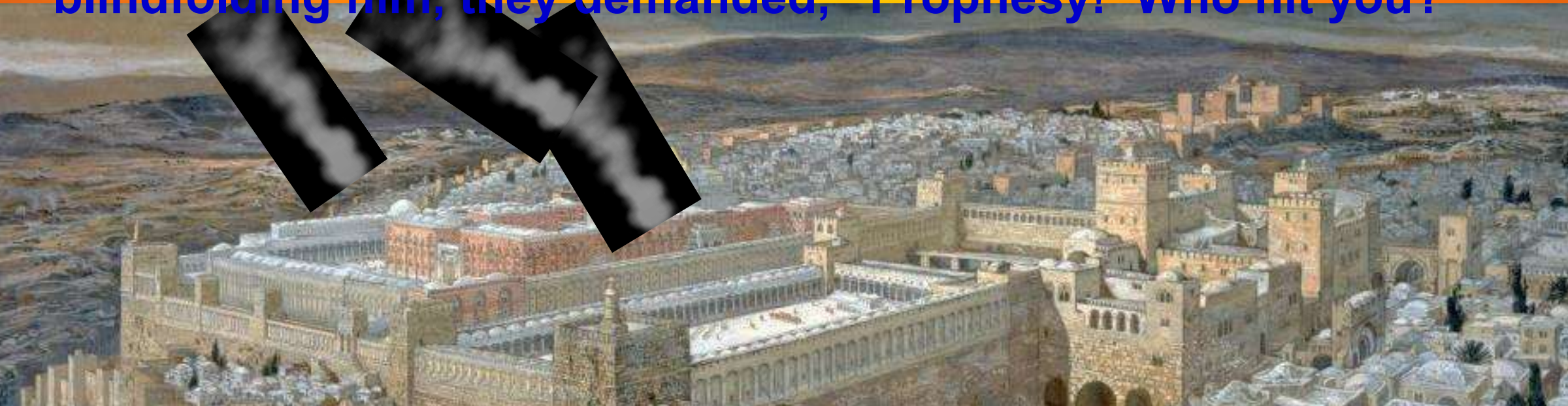
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**After Jesus' arrest ... after seeing Annas & Caiaphas
AS Religious Leaders made PLANS**

**Luke 22:63-65 Men guarding Jesus MOCKED & BEAT Jesus
blindfolding him, they demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?"**



Luke 22:65 they said MANY OTHER insulting things to him.

Cosmic Carnival of Evil ... has begun

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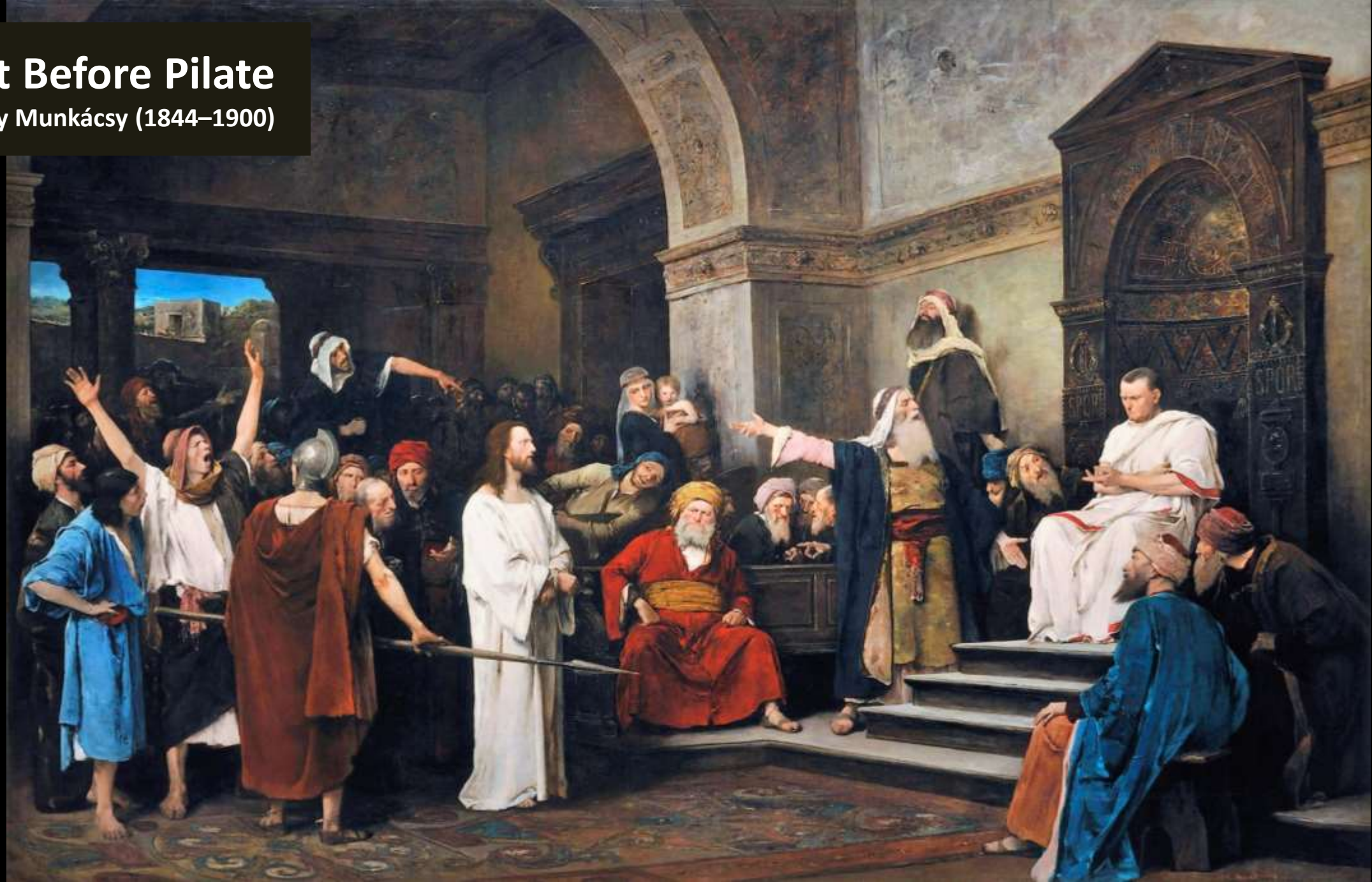
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**They bound Jesus,
led him away &**

handed him over to Pilate

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Summed it up WELL the
relationship between
Jesus & Pilate



Aren't we a pair
Me here at last
on the ground
You in mid-air
Send in the CLOWNS

These Jewish leaders ...
Kinda reminds me of some
recent “Special Counsels”



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What justice is this ...

What DEVOTION to God ...

Passover ... want to observe PASSOVER

Do NOT want to become UNCLEAN

As they FRAME Jesus ... as they LIE ...

As they CONNIVE ... Conspire ... to **KILL** Jesus
because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover

These are VERY Sincere ... VERY Religious ... LEADERS

This was also a time before “Civil Rights” ...

Before “Inalienable Rights” Before “All Men Created Equal”

“LIFE” was expendable ... justice political ... **ROME RULED**



**29 So Pilate came out ... asked
“What charges are you
bringing against this man?”**

**30 “If he were not a criminal , we would
not have handed him over to you.”**



Pontus Pilate – means “Marine Dart-Thrower” ... *uncertain*

5th Procurator of Judea ... nothing is known prior to Judea

Under licentious perverted Roman Emperor Tiberius

Pilate ruled Judea A.D. 26-36 ... forced out for cruelty

Most comes from Jewish Historian Josephus (A.D. 37-100)

Pilate was fired for brutality by Syrian emissary of Tiberius

Eusebius > Pilate suicide ~ Coptic Church > Pilate Christian

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Send in the Clowns

Don't you approve
One who keeps tearing around
One who CAN'T MOVE
Where are the CLOWNS?
Send in the *CLOWNS*


Pilate is in a political MESS
Even doing the RIGHT THING
Will cause Bad Press ...
Bad News to Emperor Tiberius



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As Jesus is handed back & forth as a slave and prisoner ...
As 10,000 Angels wait on high ... ready to rescue
As God the Father sheds a tear from His Almighty Eye
As Jesus sets His heart on sundown ... and on Easter Sunday

for us ... a poem



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18:31 Pilate said,
“Take him yourselves and
judge him by your own law.”

They—Jewish Leaders—**OBJECTED**
“But we have **NO RIGHT** to
Execute Anyone



32 This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said
about the kind of death he was going to die.

What “charges”? Jewish Leaders did not care **“HOW”**
Whirlwind of a Cosmic Carnival of Evil ... *is it really true?*
MORE JUSTICE by the Pagan Roman Governor than by the
Caretakers of God’s Holy Temple

**18:33 Pilate then went back
inside the palace,
summoned Jesus & asked**

“Are you the King of the Jews?”

**34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked,
“or did others talk to you about me?”**



After being Beaten ... Jesus is Bold ... Cautious ... *in Control*

**35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and
Chief Priests handed you over to me.**

What is it you have done?”

**There is a SENSE here that IF – /F – Jesus had appealed
Pilate’s LACK of Love for Jewish conniving Could FREE JESUS**

**29 So Pilate came out ... asked
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What a simple problem ... yet Pilate knows they're scheming

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judge him by your own law.”**

**Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Jesus* (2013) detailed Roman Politics
Could say Jerusalem was under Dual Supervision
Under Roman Law by Pilate that ALLOWED Jewish Leadership
Pilate *under* Tiberius who *allowed* Jewish religious self-rule**



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Send in the Clowns

Pilate shucks it off onto them

“Take Him ... YOUR LAW”

ALL can very well sing along

But where are the CLOWNS
There ought to be CLOWNS
Quick send in the CLOWNS



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**Yet even Jesus does not seem to be
TOO concerned with
Roman or Jewish Justice**

**18:36 Jesus said, “My Kingdom
is NOT of this WORLD / COSMOS
If it were, my servants
would fight to prevent my
arrest by the Jewish Leaders.**

But now My Kingdom is from another place.”

So much for arguing his case ... Jesus ignores charges

Sometimes ... it is not worth dignifying evil with a response



Pilate seems sincere ...

18:37 Then Pilate said,

“You are a king, then!”

Jesus answered,

“You say that I am a king.

**In fact, the reason I was born and
came into the world is to testify to the TRUTH.**

Everyone on the side of TRUTH listens to me.”

Seems too much for Pilate ... *knowing Jews want to KILL*

Never met a man *seemingly* unconcerned for INJUSTICE

Pilate WANTS to be Politically Correct **AND JUST ...**



18:38 Pilate responded
“What is TRUTH?”

The Philosophy here is too much

**18:38 With this, Pilate went out again
to the Jews gathered there & said,**

“I find NO basis for a charge against him.

There are men of honor in the court that day ...

Pilate is IS telling the TRUTH

Another TRUTH is manifesting itself ... very clearly ...

Even a kindred spirit between Pilate & Jesus

BOTH SEE these CLOWNS have NO interest in TRUTH



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Oh, both Jesus & Pilate
could sing along ...

What a **SURPRISE**
Who could **FORESEE?**
I've come to **FEEL** about **YOU**
What you **FELT** about **ME**
Why only now when I **SEE**
that you've **DRIFTED AWAY**

Oh yeah ... they **DRIFT** away



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18:39 But it is *your* custom
39 for me to release to you
one prisoner at the
time of the Passover.

You know Pilate enjoyed saying this
Do you want me to release the

King of the Jews?"

At those very words, you know Chief Priests *gringed, grimaced*
40 Crowd shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!"

Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Governor Pilate slowly retreats ... grievous ... that he
Of mighty Rome has to witness diabolical RELIGIOUS Evil



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- ✓ Pilate disgusted at Evil
- ✓ Pilate the Governor of faraway Judea
- ✓ Pilate looking for a promotion out of ...
- ✓ Pilate ALLOWING the whim of Religious Fury
- ✓ Pilate THINKING he is “in charge”
- ✓ Jesus SEEING ALL ...
- ❖ Jesus *ALLOWING* the

Cosmic Carnival of Evil to *continue*



Barabbas is shocked ... even Barabbas is amazed at the EVIL
Poor in Crowd who took priestly shekels for freeing Barabbas
Roman soldiers shrug ... Priests who WON but sold their Soul
JESUS ... looks down the concourse of 10 hours to Sundown
for you & me beyond Easter Morn

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