

BEFORE THE KING (15:1-15)

June 22, 2025

TEXT—Mk.15:1-15

MAIN IDEA—Christ suffered and was rejected on behalf of sinners, so that all who trust in Him can be forgiven and accepted by God to live for His glory.

MEMORY VERSES—Is.53:3-5.

BROUGHT BEFORE PILATE (MK.15:1-5)—Following the illegal meeting conducted by the Sanhedrin the night before (**Mk.14:53-65**), Jesus was brought before Pilate, the Roman Governor of Palestine, for a morning trial. This was Pilate's first encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ (the ultimate authority—**Col.1:16**).

John 18:28-38

Pilate didn't have ears to hear these truths about God's Kingdom since '*he wasn't of the truth*' (**Jn.18:37**), so the Lord's words would be judgment against Pilate in the end.

Jn.14:6; Jn.17:17

Is.53:7

BROUGHT BEFORE HEROD (Lk. 23:8-12)—Herod Antipas was the wretched Governor of Galilee. He was perverted (marrying his brother's wife & often participating in drunken orgies), murderous (beheading John the Baptist) and wicked (having killed his own family members). Yet according to God's plan, Jesus is brought before this rotten fellow to be judged.

Prov.1:24-33

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Lk.23:10-12

Is.40:23-24

THE FINAL MEETING WITH PILATE (Mk. 15:6-15)—Upon returning before Pilate, Pilate can find no valid reason to execute Jesus (**Mk.15:14**). Attempting to please the religious leaders and the crowd Pilate offers to release a criminal for their passover custom. To his surprise the leaders and the crowd chose to release Barabbas and crucify Christ!

Is.53:3

2 Cor.5:17-21

>A Roman whip called a flagellum was used during flogging. The whip was made of multiple leather straps with pieces of glass, bone, and sharp metals at the end of it. Every blow was meant to shred human flesh. It was so vicious that sometimes men would die during flogging. The limit was 40 stripes under Roman Law. This is what they did to Jesus, even before being crucified!

Rom.5:8-9

3 Lessons For Living

- 1. Remember Jesus is worthy of our trust. Is.53:7**
- 2. Choose CHRIST and reject Barabbas. Jn.14:6; Rom.13:14**
- 3. Jesus understands our sufferings and will carry us when we suffer. 1 Pet.2:21-23**