

THE POWER OF SILENCE

“When Abandoned By Cowardice”

John 19:1-16

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God wants to cleanse my soul of _____ and set me _____!

The promise of silence

The power of silence proves the perfect innocence of Jesus –

He's _____ guilty!

Pilate's Predicament Prolonged

- Failed _____

Barabbas or Jesus?

A son of a f_____ or the Son of the F_____?

His appearance was so _____, beyond human semblance. - Is. 52:14 ESV

- **Fatal** _____

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When Pilate heard _____, he was even more afraid. - John 19:8 ESV

- **Final** _____

They will _____ God to kill Jesus!

The Power of Silence

- **Silence magnifies the _____ of humanity**

Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed _____; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no _____ of God before their eyes. – Rom. 3:13-18 ESV

- **Silence reveals the _____ of grace**

Conclusion

“He is right there in the _____ – where else?”

Jesus or Barabbas. Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

Mt.27:15-18
Mk.15:6-10
Jn. 18:39

Crowd Demands Barabbas. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” With one voice they cried out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor. “Barabbas,” they answered.

Mt.27:20, 21
Mk.15:11
Lk.23:18, 19
Jn. 18:40

Crown of Thorns. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

Mt.27:27-30
Mk.15:16-19
Jn.19:1-3

Pilate Presents Jesus. Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.” When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

John 19:4-6

As soon as the chief priests and the officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

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