

Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

February 9, 2022

John 19:1- 11

1Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. **2** And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, **3** And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. **4** Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. **5** Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! **6** When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. **7** The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. **8** When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; **9** And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. **10** Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? **11** Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Pastor Tom began with verse 1, reviewing a bit from last week and then looking at each verse individually.

Verse 1

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

Pastor Tom asked the members of Bible Study with medical knowledge what happens when a body is abused like Jesus' was. Observations included that the body experiences numbness, shock, pain so severe that the brain takes over and so much can happen when the tissue is damaged extensively.

*Reminder that the Gnostics believed that Jesus was God/Spirit only. But we believe that Jesus was All Man and All God. He was tempted just as

we are tempted (yet never sinned) and He experienced bodily pain just as we do.

Verse 2

And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,

*These actions of the soldiers were done to mock Jesus and the mockery continued in verse 3.

Verse 3

And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

*The soldiers also hit Jesus as they mocked Him as the 'King of the Jews'. This beating made Jesus' face unrecognizable. In Isaiah 52:14 is foretold this event:

As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

*So Jesus has been scourged on His back, cut by thorns on His head, and then punched until there was no recognition. What could cause a person to want to inflict that kind of pain onto another human being? What is the reason for man's inhumanity to man?

*We could become vulnerable to this kind of violence but Jesus was NOT vulnerable...He knew this would be His cup, His pain and suffering for us...What could cause such love to endure this for others, for us? Jesus could have called 10,000 angels, spiritual warriors as Elisha and his servant saw on the hillsides.

Verse 4

Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

*In this verse Pilate goes before the people again saying again that he finds no fault in Jesus, no reason to punish Him. In reading between the lines,

Pilate seems to be operating in fear: afraid for himself not to be able to do the right thing.

Verse 5

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

*Now Pilate brings Jesus out for the people to see, telling them to look at Him (as a spectacle?).

Pastor Tom invited us to use our imaginations to visualize Jesus, beaten beyond recognition. What would our reactions be if we saw this event in person? Responses: crushed, disgusted, can't look at Him, view of abuse.

Verse 6

When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

*But the actual crowd's reaction to the sight of Jesus was to shout, 'Crucify! Crucify!'

*Pilate for the 3rd time tells the people that he cannot find fault in Jesus and wants the Jewish religious leaders to do the job of killing Jesus.

*Sadly, crowd mentality or mob mentality is still observed in our country and our world today.

*How quickly the chants changed from 'Hosanna!' to 'Crucify!' One opinion was made that perhaps it was 2 different crowds: the first being the Jews who were truly searching for the Messiah King and shouted Hosanna! The second crowd being the power-obsessed Jews who were threatened by Jesus and shouted Crucify!

Verse 7

The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

*Finally, the Jewish religious leaders come up with a law that would suffice to warrant Jesus' crucifixion: Leviticus 24:16

And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.

Verse 8

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

*Pilate reveals that he is even more afraid for himself.

Verse 9

And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

*This time when Pilate confronts Jesus with the question, Jesus gives no answer. He just took the mockery, pain, suffering and interrogation in silence. (Remember that His face is unrecognizable...could He physically even speak?)

Verse 10

Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

*Pilate tries to explain to Jesus that he has 2 powers: one to kill and one to release Him. But listen to Jesus' reply in verse 11...

Verse 11

Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

*Jesus replies that God has all the power and gives power to those He wants. God is the ultimate power in our universe.

Pastor Jon researched a verse that explains God's power in governments. 1 Corinthians 12:28 says -

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Discussion continued about power:

Who thinks they have it?

Who desires power?

Jesus told Pilate "You have no power over me unless given from above."

Everyone was invited to say good-night...

Goodnight!