

Matthew 27:11-26 King James Version (KJV)

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. 12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

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Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

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And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

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Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

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And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

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Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

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For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

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When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

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But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

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The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

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Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

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And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

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When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

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Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

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Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

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Pilate tried to get Christ off of his hands by:

1. Putting Him in the hands of others (vs. 24)
2. Washing his own hands (vs. 24)
3. Nailing Christ's hands to a cross (vs. 26)
4. You can't get Christ off of your hands until He's in your heart (John 14:20, I Corinthians 5:17, Romans 3:24, Romans 8:1, Romans 8:10)