

# John 18-19 – The Trial of Jesus



## Two key differences:

- 1) John almost completely skips over the trial that Jesus had before the Sanhedrin.
- 2) John goes into a lot more detail about the trial that Jesus had before Pontius Pilate.

# 1. The Charges Laid Against Jesus

John 19:32 - This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

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John 3:14-15 - Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

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John 12:31-33- Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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John 18:36 - Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

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John 18:37 - Jesus answered, “You are right in saying that I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.

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John 18:38 - With this he went out again to the Jews and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”



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- ▶ From a human perspective it was because the Jewish leadership wouldn't stop pushing until Jesus was executed.

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**John 18:38b-40 - "I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the King of the Jews?'"**  
**They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!"** Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

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**John 19:4-5 - 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!"**

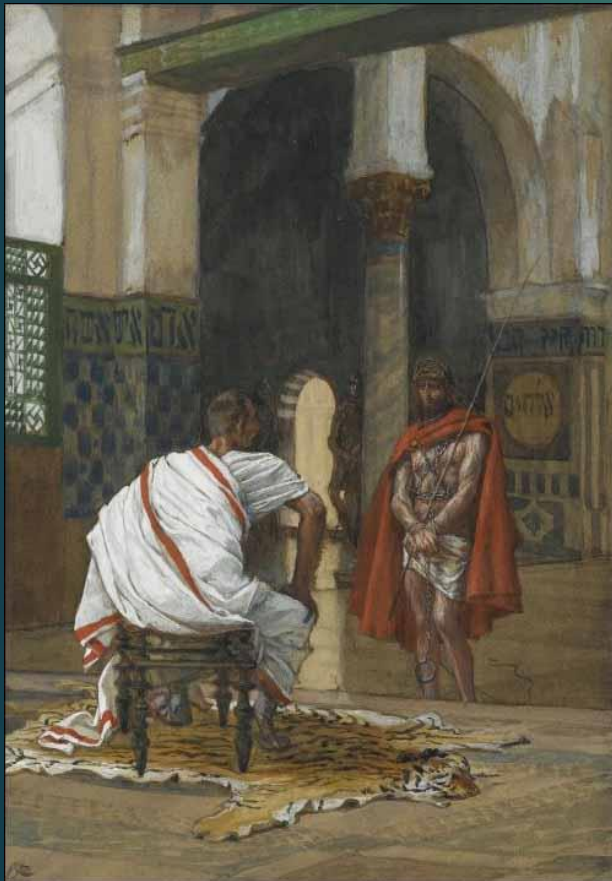
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**John 19:7 - The Jews insisted, "We have a law and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."**

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**John 19:8-10 - When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said, "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"**

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John 19:11 - Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you (Caiaphas) is guilty of a greater sin.”

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**Acts 4:27-28 - Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.**

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**John 19:12 - From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."**



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**John 19:13-14 - When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.**

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John 19:15 - But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

## Things to learn:

1. It shows the wickedness of human beings.
2. It shows the innocence of Jesus.
3. It shows the love that God has for the world.
4. It shows the love that Christ had for us.