

John 300“Give Us A Minute, We’ll Think Of Something” John 18:29-37

In the Sanhedrin’s clandestine plan, they must drum up charges that will stick, so they concoct a false narrative in which Jesus is out for Caesar’s job so that He can take over the Roman republic.

But Jesus has been saying all along that there’s absolutely no conflict between the Roman government and His Spiritual Kingdom.

Can you be a born-again believer and at the same time be patriotic and loyal to your nation in which you were born and now reside as a citizen? Of course!

Pilate is so very close to making his greatest discovery and while he is loyal to Rome, he could still enter the Lord Jesus’ Spiritual Kingdom but for now anyway, his negative reactionary attitude will blind his mind to the truth.

Pilate says: “This man” using no name, no title and bringing no charges himself, indicating that he had no prejudice against Jesus.

Pilate is solely responsible to disperse the mob.

A mob of prejudiced angry individuals is incapable of giving its target a fair shake because a mob is overrun with misguided emotion.

The Jews knew that they had no case in the Roman court because all they had was hearsay.

This is perhaps the first time since Pilate has been in Judea that he has heard the word “king” in reference to a Jew.

Pilate knows that Jesus is innocent but he doesn’t have the moral courage or the strength of character to throw the case out of court.

When you’re in a position of leadership, you must always operate on principles connected with that leadership and never on expediency.

In Jewish capital punishment cases, the accuser had to be the executioner.

The Lord Jesus died spiritually for the sins of the world and then physically because His work was finished.

Pontius Pilate with his great battle courage is however, Pontius Pilate with no moral courage.

Even though Pilate is worn down, he remains objective in asking the questions a good Roman Judge should.

Roman law functions on the basis of information and never on the basis of prejudice.

Pilate still has fantastic poise.

During the Church Age, Satan is the ruler of the world.

The Spiritual Kingdom (the Church) is not the national entity and is never to be in competition with the nation.

No pastor or local church has the right to sponsor a revolution, march in riotous mobs, train militants or encourage national revolt.

The fact that Jesus is standing before Pilate with no army protecting Him is proof of His innocence.

Pilate is wrong about one thing: This is not simply a Jewish question but a point of biblical truth for all people.

Citizenship in the Lord’s Spiritual Kingdom is eternal life with Him!

Pilate was face to face with the entrance into God’s eternal Kingdom and if he entered it would not have deterred his loyalty to Rome.

People who are positive at God-consciousness will always have questions.

If Pilate had used these, he would have come to one conclusion; Jesus Christ is both God and true humanity in one Person and He’s our only Savior.

A man can have great physical courage and fearless battle courage and still lack moral courage because he's already wiped himself out by painting himself into a corner of quandary. Ultimately by divine design, the Roman government stood in the way of Israel's capital punishment.