

John 306 “Our Blessed Hope” Titus 2:11-14; John 19:2-8

The importance of Bible study cannot be overstated as it's the only way to come to know and love Jesus Christ and we cannot love Him apart from the daily intake of His mind known as biblical truth.

And so, biblical truth in us is the basis for our orientation to God's plan and knowing and applying this creates real sanity and fantastic stability of mind as well as genuine orientation to God's matchless grace.

Without biblical truth circulating in their frame of reference, Satan corrupts the minds of believers.

When we were created, God imparted to us a few things like soul life added to our biological life along with Adam's original sin and his sin nature to our newly activated souls.

As much as that may sound like a downer to many people, it's actually the basis for a great potential.

Because when we entered the world spiritually dead to God, He was waiting for us to respond to His general revelation within His creation and then to His Gospel of grace provided by His chosen Redeemer.

The reason the Roman Empire fell was corruption within and part of that had to do with allowing a man like Pilate to serve in such a high position and this should be a warning to any nation.

It didn't kill Jesus to be whipped as He was but it did contribute to His eventual breakdown under the weight of the Cross a little later on.

The God of the universe Who had been at the right Hand of the Father and heard the angels crying out “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts” now lowers Himself to face the mockery of His creation.

Jesus was only guilty of declaring Himself to be the Son of God if that was even a crime and how could it be if it was true?

Pilate indicated what he thought of Jesus' answers so far, so why should the Lord give him anything further?

In all actuality, no human power to include that of the Roman governor and the Jewish supreme court justices is able to say whether the Son of God lives or dies.

The Lord Jesus Christ under a crown of thorns depicts Him as a curse for us; Galatians 3:13.

Pilate can handle a military attack as well as anyone but he cannot deal properly with a subtle attack even though he understands it quite well.

When Pontius Pilate goes out to cater to the Jews, they quickly become in charge and not him. Pilate has lost respect for his own authority as Roman governor.

Roman law was designed to protect and exonerate the innocent.

The judge who pronounced the Lord Jesus 'not guilty' is just as negative toward the Gospel as the Jews who were trying to kill their Messiah.

Pilate failed to remember one thing: Roman law would not permit the accused to incriminate himself.

Never in the history of Rome was an accused party pronounced innocent more than once.

The greatest day of infamy was not December 7, 1941; it was the day Pontius Pilate declared Jesus Christ innocent several times and then sent Him to the Cross anyway!

The Lord Jesus Christ is a king; He's the God-man and as God He is the sovereign Creator who's holding the universe together by His Word!

Jesus Christ is undisputedly the King of kings.

Even a crown of ugly thorns cannot hide the fact that the Lord Jesus is King!

You can never appease an emotionally angry mob without first destroying yourself and your cause.

And yet, with great joy and dignity, Jesus faces the crowd as only a real king could.

Negativity toward God and His biblical truth never remains silent.

Religion often uses lawless thugs to put pressure on organizations.

In John 18 and 19, the religious leaders began by controlling the emotionally angered mob and then they easily gained control over governor Pilate.

Again, we see that the battle hero has no moral courage for the pressure of the masses is a greater power to Pilate than the power of justice.

And while all this is going on, there are people who are testifying as to the impeccability of Jesus

1. Judas Iscariot; Matthew 27:4 2. Pontius Pilate John 19:4, 6 3. King Herod Luke 23:15 4.

Pilate's wife Matthew 27:19 5. A dying thief Luke 23:41 6. A Roman centurian Luke 23:47 7.

Various Roman soldiers Matthew 27:54

All of our Lord's resistance was sponsored by Satan's gameplan of self-righteous religion.

If you really want to find out what people think of you, make them angry!

The religious thrive on doing a wrong thing but in a right way, thereby masquerading their cause and they do it in the Name of God and supposedly for the greater good for all.

Certainly, one thing God cannot do is to make Himself God for He always was God.

Ironically, when the religious Jews say that the Lord Jesus ought to die, they are committing the very crime they are falsely accusing Him of; rebelling against the Roman Empire!