John 19:1-12

John 19:1-5 "(1) Then 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!"

- A. Jesus was whipped and mocked (Matthew 27:26-31 and Mark 15:16-19).
 - 1. Like Pilate, Herod also mocked Jesus (Luke 23:11).
 - 2. Jesus knew these things were going to happen (Luke 18:32).
 - 3. Sadly, Pilate did all of this with the knowledge that Jesus was a just man (Matthew 27:24; cf. Exodus 23:7 and Proverbs 17:15).
- B. They put our Lord on display, in an attempt to shame Him (Isaiah 53:3).
 - 1. They could not shame Jesus into failure (Hebrews 12:1-3).
 - 2. They failed to see that they were beholding the Savior (John 1:29).

John 19:6-9 "(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."

- A. They wanted Jesus crucified (Matthew 27:22).
 - 1. They betrayed and murdered Jesus (Acts 7:52).
 - 2. They put Jesus to death because they knew Him not (Acts 13:27-29).
 - 3. Pilate was determined to let Jesus go, but the Jews were otherwise minded (Acts 3:13-15).
- B. The Jews wanted Jesus killed for making Himself the Son of God (Mark 14:61-64, John 5:18, John 8:58-59, and John 10:30-33).
 - 1. In the past, Jesus tried to show them that they were wrong (John 10:36-38).
 - 2. How much greater evidence that He is the Son of God can you have than the Father saying so Himself (Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 17:1-5, and II Peter 1:16-18)?
 - 3. Jesus is God's Son (Mark 1:1, Luke 1:35, John 1:49, John 20:30-31, Acts 9:20, Hebrews 4:14, and I John 5:20).
 - a. He is the only begotten Son of the Father (John 1:14, John 1:18, John 3:16-18, and I John 4:9).
 - b. If one does not believe and confess this, that person cannot be saved (John 8:23-24, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:36-38, and I John 2:22-23).

John 19:10-12 "(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. (12) And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar."

- A. Jesus wasn't going to engage Pilate in discussion (I Peter 2:21-23).
 - 1. Jesus was the sacrifice for our sins (I Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 5:2, and Hebrews 10:1-22).
 - 2. Sacrifices do not offer a defense (Isaiah 53:7).
 - 3. Man could not do to Jesus what God did not allow (Acts 2:23).
- B. The Jews played politics against Jesus (Luke 23:2).
 - 1. They had already tried, but failed, to get Jesus to oppose Caesar (Luke 20:20-25).
 - 2. The Jews did this to Paul too (Acts 16:16-24 and Acts 17:6-8).
 - 3. Yet, when they want something that Roman law doesn't permit, they all of a sudden want to act within their own law system (Acts 24:1-9).