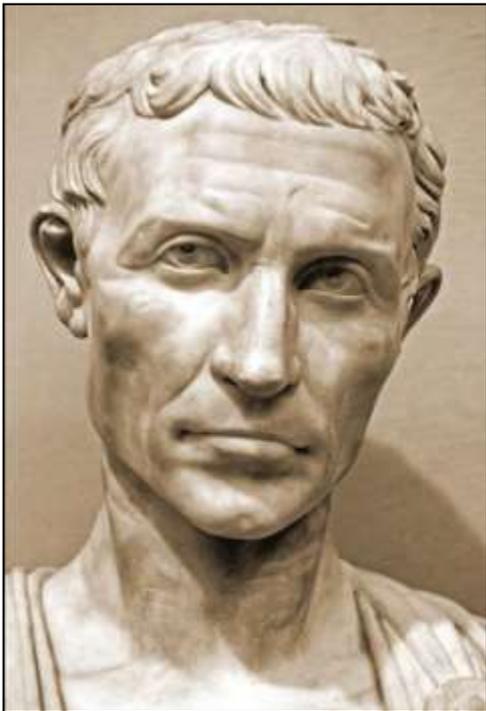


Hate United



Herod
Pilate
Sadducees
Pharisees

versus Jesus



Luke 23:1-25



Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate.

They all go to the **Roman** governor



The Antonia Tower, Jerusalem

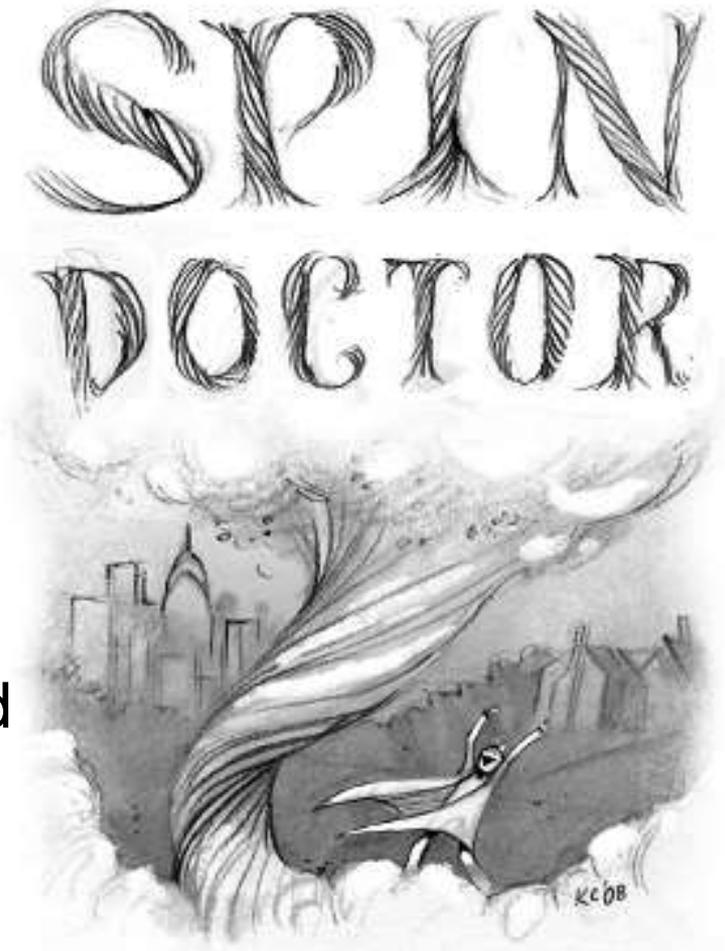
And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

Suddenly great supporters of Rome !

Lies, lies and more lies

The Truth

Resisting THEM and their ways
Called for giving Caesar what they owed
A heavenly king – threat to Caesar?



So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
"You have said so," Jesus replied.



The other gospels add more details
of their conversation

What is the "BUT" ?

The real verdict !



Then Pilate announced to the chief priests **and the crowd**,
"I find no basis for a charge against this man."

But they insisted, "He **stirs up** the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

They won't take no for an answer – loaded language

Pressure for Pilate

They threaten a riot – and
“Suggest” he is going easy on
a trouble maker



On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod on a visit for Passover (non-Jew but playing the part!)



Pilate hated him –
but he could be useful to “pass the buck” –
So -concede authority to Herod

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort.



Here is the man who
***** knew more than Pilate about Jewish religion**
***** who once listened seriously to John the Baptist**
***** murdered Jesus' cousin,**

but now, what does he want ?

He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer.



**Jesus has
NOTHING**



**to
say to him**

Herod has come to this !

The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.

Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him.

These people move around !



**When the Lord doesn't do
what you want – ridicule him!**

Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.



Mock his claim to kingship- but make no decision to release him – the problem goes back to Pilate !

That day Herod and Pilate became friends—
before this they had been enemies.

Good politics – friends!



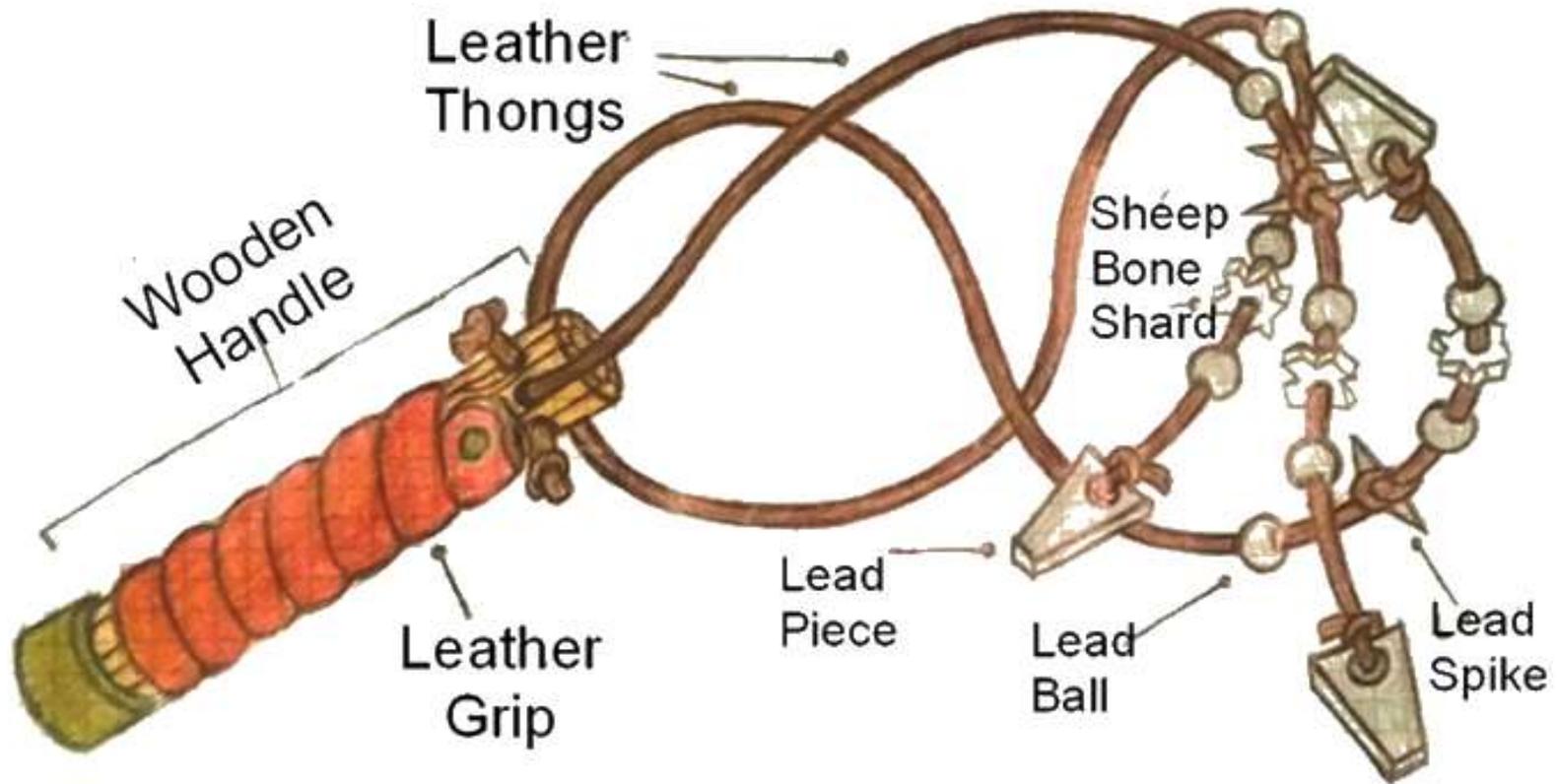
Acts 4 :24 -28

The Same Verdict AGAIN !

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death.



Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."



Roman Scourge

Brutal injustice
Aiming to appease the un-appeasable

But the whole crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)



Pilate's choice:- Jesus of Nazareth vs. Jesus Barabbas
Barabbas was guilty of the charges they brought against Jesus !
This was Pilate's attempt to swing the vote
But the crowd had been stirred up (*so much for a majority verdict!*)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again.
But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

What does Pilate want to do with Jesus?

struggling to do right but afraid of the consequences?

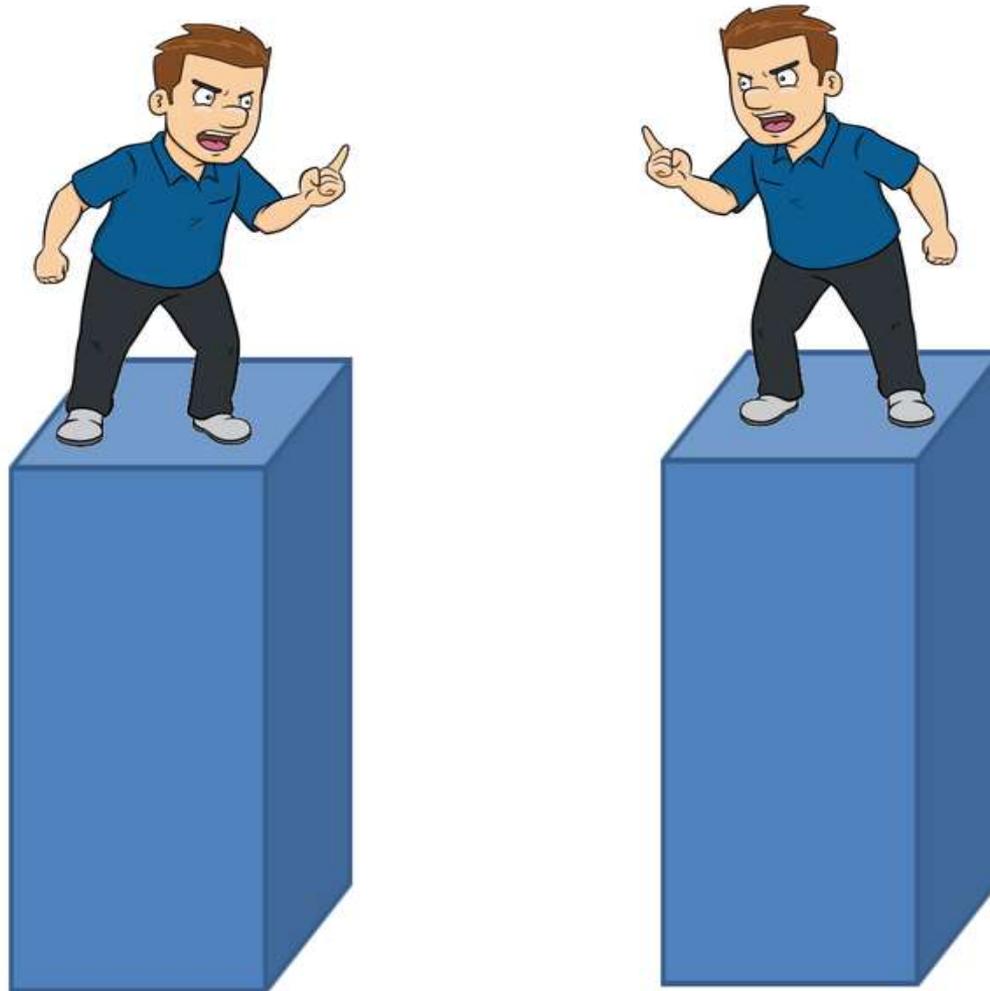
Riots
Blood shed
Complaints
Job position



He's innocent
Uphold justice
Wife's warnings

For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

Let's compromise – meet half-way!



But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand.

Voice of reason – gone!
It's him or me !



So who is guilty of Jesus death
The Jews? The Gentiles (as represented by Pilate)?
Does washing your hands remove responsibility?

He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.



They get their choice – but there are terrible consequences of a bad decision



Pilate – lost his job soon after
(What became of him?)



Herod – deposed and sent into exile



People guilty of what they accused Jesus of ->
insurrection

They lost their temple, land and statehood in the next
40 years



Barabbas ?

**There are eternal consequences for good or bad
on how we respond to the Lord Jesus Christ.**