

#### PILATE BEFORE JESUS John 18:28-19:16

LAWYER: No, Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?

DEFENDANT: By death.

LAWYER: And by whose death was it terminated?

LAWYER: Do you know how far along your pregnancy is?

**DEFENDANT: I'll be three months on November 8.** 

LAWYER: Apparently, then, the date of conception was August 8?

**DEFENDANT: Yes.** 

LAWYER: What were you doing at the time?

LAWYER: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: ALL my autopsies are performed on dead people.

LAWYER: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

LAWYER: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

WITNESS: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

LAWYER: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

LAWYER: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

LAWYER: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

LAWYER: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

LAWYER: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

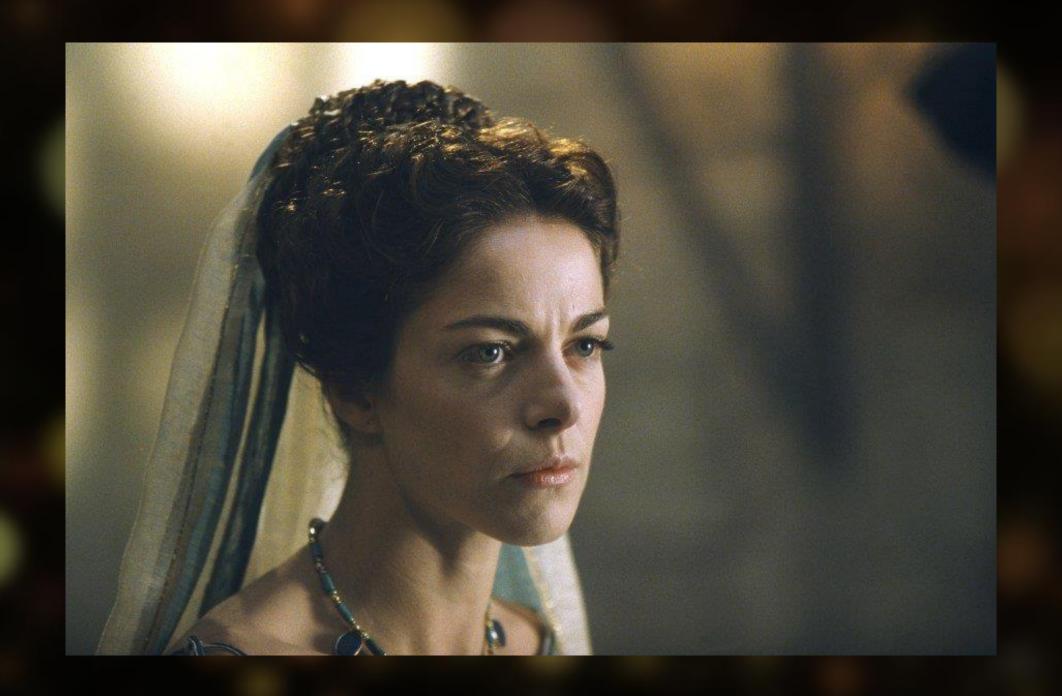
LAWYER: But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?

WITNESS: It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

#### PILATE before JESUS... the CHARACTERS

## ROME... Pilate's dilemma





"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."

## ROME... Pilate's dilemma

#### "Pilate has no idea what He was saying, when he says, 'Behold the Man!'

Jesus is the true man! The 1st man (Adam) sinned and death entered the world. The 2nd man (Jesus) was innocent and died so that death could be conquered in the world!"

"When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. 'I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

RABBLE...

a fickle people

"The multitude of your sacrifices what are they to me?' says the Lord. 'I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?

- Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me.
- New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
- Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being.
- They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

Wash and make yourselves clean.

Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed.

Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

"Come now, let us settle the matter, says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

**ISAIAH 1:11-18** 

## ROBBER... a story of substitution

"A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising."



"All through human history, as far back as recorded time and doubtless before, kings, princes, tribal chiefs, presidents, and dictators have sent their subjects into battle to die for them. Only once in human history has a king not sent his subjects to die for him, but instead, died for his subjects.

#### This is the King who introduces the Kingdom that cannot be shaken because this Kim reigns eternally."

CHARLES COLSON

## RELIGIOUS LEADERS... blasphemous haters

#### REDEEMER... an innocent sacrifice

# The PATH to the CROSS was LITTERED with those that HATED the SAVIOR... but HE NEVER HATED back!

