

The Trial before Pilate (Mark 15:1–15; Luke 23:1–7)

- According to Luke 23:2, how did the Sanhedrin tailor their accusations against Jesus to provoke the most displeasure from Pilate and the Roman court? How was this different from their basis for condemning Jesus in the Jewish trials?

- What was Pilate's initial judgment against Jesus? How did Pilate attempt to escape the Jews' insistence that Jesus should die?

The Trial before Herod (Luke 23:6–12)

- What was Pilate's motive in sending Jesus to Herod for trial? What was Herod's motive for wanting to see Jesus? What was accomplished by this brief interlude with Herod before Jesus was returned to Pilate for judgment?

Before Pilate Again (Luke 23:13–25)

- Who was Barabbas, and why was he released?

- According to Luke, how many times did Pilate declare Jesus not guilty? Why did he finally condemn Jesus to die?

The Mock Trial (Matthew 27:27–33; Mark 15:16–20)

- After condemning Jesus to death, Pilate had Jesus flogged and led to the Roman Praetorium, where He was handed over to a company of soldiers for crucifixion. How did the soldiers treat Jesus?