

# **"THE LORD'S FIRST TRIAL BEFORE PILATE"**

## **JOHN 18:28-38**

### **I. THE SETTING OF THE FOURTH TRIAL BEFORE PILATE (18:28)**

- A. Held In The Roman Praetorium
- B. Held In The Fourth Watch Of The Night
- C. Held Without The Presence Of The Jewish Leaders
  - 1. They Still Needed To Eat The Passover
  - 2. At The Very Moment They Are Clamoring For The Blood Of Christ, The Genuine Passover, They Are Scrupulously Careful Not To Ceremonially Defile Themselves In Observance Of The Shadow

### **II. THE HEARING OF THE CHARGES AGAINST CHRIST (18:29-32)**

- A. Pilate Had Been The Roman Prefect Of Judea Since AD 26
  - 1. His Normal Residence Was In Caesarea
  - 2. He Knew How To Be Decisive At Key Times
- B. Pilate Leaves the Praetorium To Inquire Of The Charges Only To Receive An Evasive Answer (18:30)
- C. Pilate Throws It Back Into The Lap Of The Jews Only To Discover Their Ultimate Intent (18:31-32)
  - 1. It's At This Point That The Jews Come Out With Three Specific Charges (Luke 23:2)
  - 2. The Charge Of Christ Being A King Was The Only One That Had Some Validity

### **III. THE EXAMINATION OF THE LORD BY PILATE (18:33-38)**

- A. Exchange # 1: *Art Thou The King Of The Jews?* (18:33-34)
- B. Exchange # 2: *My Kingdom Is Not Of This World* (18:35-36)
- C. Exchange # 3: *What Is Truth?* (18:37-38)