

"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 Praetorian

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 Praetorian 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)