

The sentence



Now Pilate tries to arouse the sympathy of the people. He has Jesus scourged, i.e. brutally whipped. After the soldiers had also mocked and hit Him, Pilate shows the bleeding Man to the people (vv1-5).

In order to stop the people becoming weak, the leaders react immediately and demand His crucifixion. Pilate says: "You crucify Him," although they are not allowed to do that, as much as they would like to (vv6-7).

When superstitious Pilate hears that Jesus has made Himself the Son of God, he becomes even more frightened. Where did this “son of the gods” or whatever He was come from? The Lord Jesus had told him already (chapter 18:37) (vv8-9).

Pilate threatens with his power – which he has only received from God. He wants to get rid of this Jesus, but the Jews threaten that this would mean the end of his career (vv10-12). Pilate gives in. He mockingly annoys the Jews until they again call on Caesar. Then the sentence is confirmed: Crucifixion (vv13-16).



93. How often did Pilate testify to Jesus' innocence (from chapter 18:28) and how often did the Jews demand His death?

94. At what time of day was Jesus condemned to death?



The Romans were very superstitious. They believed in all kinds of gods. They were further known for their brutality. Criminals were crucified.



Jesus was not guilty. Who was?

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93. He testifies to His innocence three times: chapter 18:38 and 19:4-6. And His death is demanded three times: chapter 18:31 and 19:6-7.