

# LUKE Lesson 60

## Jesus Brought Before Pilate and Herod (Luke 23:1-15)

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There are 17 characters recorded in Luke chapter 23:

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**1-3** The multitude of the people, chief priests, and the scribes (Lk 22:66) led Jesus to Pilate. They accused Jesus of perverting the nation (untrue), forbidding to give tribute to Caesar (untrue; see Mk 12:17), and saying that He is Christ a King (true: Mk 14:61-62). In verse 3, Jesus affirms that He is Christ, the King. Pilate believed Him (vs 38).

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**Vs 4** After doing a background check on Jesus, Pilate reported that he found no fault in Him.

**Vs 5** They fiercely accused Jesus of “stirring up the people” with His teaching. The truth is, Jesus stirred things up, not to create a problem, but to reveal to the people that there was already a problem. The religious leaders didn’t accuse Him of false teaching or false doctrine; they were simply jealous that His teaching brought about a response from the people, which they had never seen before. Jesus’ teaching changed lives. Their teaching never did.

Christian, when you start serving the Lord it will bother the people who never do anything for the Lord.

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**6-8** Pilate quickly dispatched Jesus to be tried by Herod. Herod was excited to see Jesus, not for salvation, but for entertainment. He wanted to see Jesus perform a miracle. This is the foundation of all Charismatic churches; miracles and healings are the primary focus.

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**Vs 9** Herod asked Jesus many questions. Jesus didn’t give him any answers.

Herod is an example of “the iniquity of the father” passing to the sons unto the third and fourth generation (Num 14:18). His father was Herod the Great, who attempted to destroy Jesus as a baby (**Matthew 2:16-17**).

After his death, his son Herod the Tetrarch (ruler of ¼ of a kingdom) imprisoned and killed John the Baptist (Mark 6:17-29). He’d heard John preach about God and he enjoyed it (Mark 6:20), but he killed God’s man because of the weakness of his flesh.

Now he has a reprobate mind (Rom 1:28) as he faces the Lord Jesus Christ—and he doesn’t get a single answer from the Lord.

His son was the Herod that killed James and imprisoned Peter (Acts 12:1-3).

Herod Agrippa II tried Paul the apostle and was “almost persuaded” (Acts 26:28).

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**10-11** The chief priests, the scribes, AND Herod with his men of war had their fun with Jesus, accusing Him and mocking Him. They put a gorgeous robe on Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate. The robe was scarlet (Matthew 27:28) or purple (John 19:2). Material that is woven with two colors can exhibit both colors depending on the lighting and angle of view.

The golden altar from the tabernacle was covered with a purple cloth (Numbers 4:13), typifying the sweet-smelling sacrifice that Jesus would send up to His Father in Heaven by His sacrifice.

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**Vs 12** Pilate and Herod joined hands together and with the religious leaders to get rid of Jesus. Religion and politics are an ungodly mixture (2 Cor 6:14).

Pilate knew Jesus was innocent and indicated or pronounced it five times (Matthew 27:23, 27:24, Mark 5:10, John 18:36-39, John 19:4).

**Pilate made six attempts to escape his responsibility of righteous judgment.**

1. He tried to give Jesus to the Jews (John 18:31).
  2. He sent Him to Herod (Luke 23:7).
  3. He attempted to release Him by custom (Matthew 27:21, Mark 15:9, Luke 23:13-17, John 18:39).
  4. He pleaded the innocence of Jesus Christ (Matthew 27:22-23, Mark 15:14).
  5. He washed his hands with water, attempting to wash away his guilt (Matthew 27:24).
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**Characteristics of modern-day churches were first demonstrated by Christ’s enemies:**

1. Judas confessed to a priest: Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, etc.
2. Confessing sins to other sinners: Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12-step programs.
3. Pilate tried to wash away sins with water: Church of Christ, Catholic.
4. Herod wasn’t interested in the truth; he wanted to see miracles: Charismatic movement.
5. Herod was called a god in Acts 12:22; he thought he was a god: Mormonism.

**Why did Pilate sell out the Lord Jesus?** Because he loved his own life more than He loved the Lord. (John 12:25).

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**13-15** Jesus was examined by Pilate and by Herod and no fault was found in Him. He’s the only man who ever lived a sinless life (Heb 4:15, 7:26, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Pet 1:19, 2:22, 1 Jn 3:5). That’s why He’s the only one who could die to pay for our sins.

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