

Jesus before Pilate

Mark 15 : 1-12

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

²'Are you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate.

'You have said so,' Jesus replied.

³The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴So again Pilate asked him, 'Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.'

⁵But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷A man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹'Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?' asked Pilate, ¹⁰knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to get Pilate to release Barabbas instead.

¹²'What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked them. ¹³'Crucify him!' they shouted.

Jesus is Crucified -

Mark 15: 21-32

²¹A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. ²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). ²³Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him.

Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The written notice of the charge against him read:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.