

Matthew 27:1-26 Crucify Him

In the Teaching, The Prophet and The Word on Trial, we witnessed the flagrant display of lawlessness, abuse of authority, and inhumane treatment against the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world.

All of the abuse levied toward Yeshua during an illegitimate facade of a trial was at the hands of the religious leaders who were supposed to be YeHoVaH's representatives, their armed guards, and the crowd of people.

We witnessed several of YeHoVaH's Commandments being violated by the so-called Torah observant Law-abiding religious leaders that disqualified them from operating in their religious capacity.

In this Teaching, the illegitimate facade of a trial continues. After a guilty verdict by those overseeing the farce of a trial, Judas recognizes what he has done with devastating results and the trial proceeds to another stage in the conspiracy of the religious leaders.

Mt 27:1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Yeshua to put him to death:

The Chief Priests and Elders condemned Yeshua to death for blasphemy. According to Torah, they were to stone Yeshua to death, but instead they took the matter to the Romans not knowing they were fulfilling a prophecy of Yeshua.

Lev 24:16 anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

Yeshua had prophesied several times that His death would occur by hanging from a tree.

Jn 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Jn 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Jn 8:28 Then said Yeshua unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Jn 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Jn 8:30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

Jn 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Jn 12:33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Jn 18:31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

Jn 18:32 That the saying of Yeshua might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die..

Yeshua also prophesied that the Gentiles would take part in the crucifixion.

Mt 20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,
Mt 20:19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Mt 27:2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Mt 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Mt 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

Mt 27:5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Mt 27:6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

Mt 27:7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Mt 27:8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Mt 27:9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

Mt 27:10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

These verses seems to reference two prophecies:

Jeremiah

Jer 7:32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

Zechariah

Zec 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

Zec 11:13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

Mt 27:11 And Messiah stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Yeshua said unto him, Thou sayest.

Pilate did not want to be bothered by the religious leaders' envious and petty behavior and saw through their scheme. He therefore told them to judge Yeshua themselves (according to them, Yeshua as a malefactor/evil doer and the crimes He committed).
Judge Him by your law.

Jn 18:29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

Jn 18:30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Malefactor – 2555 κακοποιός kakopoios {kak-op-oy-os'}

Meaning: 1) an evil doer, malefactor
Usage: AV - evildoer 4, malefactor 1; 5

Jn 18:31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

Several laws were at play here:

YeHoVaH's Law
Roman Law
Sanhedrin Law

They said it was not lawful for them to put any man to death. Some have argued that the authority to put someone to death had been stripped from the religious leaders by the Romans, but let's examine that belief according to what is written.

There are several places where the Pharisees and religious leaders seemingly had or attempted to exercise authority to put a man or woman to death by stoning.

John records in three places where the Jews were set to stone someone.

The woman caught in adultery in John 8
Yeshua in John 8
Yeshua in John 10

Jn 8:1 Yeshua went unto the mount of Olives.

Jn 8:2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

Jn 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,
out of their hand,

Jn 8:4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

Jn 8:5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

Jn 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Yeshua stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

Jn 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

Jn 8:53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

Jn 8:54 Yeshua answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

Jn 8:55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

Jn 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

Jn 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

Jn 8:58 Yeshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Jn 8:59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Yeshua hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Jn 10:30 I and my Father are one.

Jn 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jn 10:32 Yeshua answered them, Many good works have I shown you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

Jn 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Jn 10:34 Yeshua answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

Jn 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Jn 10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Jn 10:37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

Jn 10:38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

Jn 10:39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

Mt 27:12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Mt 27:13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

According to Luke, they accused Yeshua of several things.

Lk 23:2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Messiah a King.

Pilate seemed disinterested in two charges, zoned in on one accusation, and found no fault with Yeshua.

Lk 23:3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

Lk 23:4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

Mt 27:14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

Pilate found no fault with Yeshua and made an attempt to free Him, but the religious people forced Pilate's hand.

Mt 27:15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

Mt 27:16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

Mt 27:17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Yeshua which is called Messiah?

Pilate discerned the religious leaders were envious of Yeshua.

Mt 27:18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

Pilate's wife had been shown in a dream that Yeshua was a just man, innocent of the crimes He had been accused of, and warned her husband.

Mt 27:19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

Mt 27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Yeshua.

It is a sad state of affairs when pagans seems to be more just in their judgment than those who claim to be believers in God.

Mt 27:21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

Mt 27:22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Yeshua which is called Messiah? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

Pilate questioned the Chief Priests and Elders' judgment.

Mt 27:23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

The Chief Priests and Elders manipulated the people to push Pilate to do their bidding to persecute an innocent man just as their forefathers had killed the Prophets.

This reminds me of what Yeshua taught back in Matthew 5.

Mt 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Mt 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Mt 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

Mt 27:25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

Mt 27:26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Yeshua, he delivered him to be crucified.