

## Luke 23:1-25 Gentiles, Jews and Prophecy

YeHoVaH prophetically instructed Yeshua on every aspect of His Ministry's mission, from the selecting of His Disciples, the details of His death and resurrection, to His ultimate reign. Yeshua shared with His Disciples that which YeHoVaH gave Him to share and prophesied certain aspects of what He was shown.

In this teaching, Yeshua's prophecy of His treatment by the Jews and Gentiles, prophesied to His Disciples earlier, unfolds just as He had predicted.

Lk 23:1 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

In the previous Chapter, the Chief Priests, the officers of the Temple Guard, and the elders accused Yeshua of blasphemy.

Lk 22:70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.

Lk 22:71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

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.

They made two accusations against Yeshua to Pilate. The first was an affront to the Jews. The second was an intended affront to the Gentile's Roman king Caesar.

Messiah – **5547 Χριστός** Messiah {khris-tos'}

**Meaning:** Messiah = "anointed" 1) Messiah was the Messiah, the Son of God 2) anointed

**Usage:** AV - Messiah 569; 569

King – **935 βασιλεύς** basileus {bas-il-yooce'} **Meaning:** 1) leader of the people, prince, commander, lord of the land, king 1:576,97; n m

**Usage:** AV - king 82, King (of Jews) 21, King (God or Messiah) 11, King (of Israel) 4; 118

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

John wrote:

Jn 19:10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

Jn 19:11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at all* against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Jn 19:12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

Pilate heard King of the Jews.

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

Jn 18:28 Then led they Yeshua from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

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.

Earlier in the Gospel of John, Pilate told them to judge Yeshua according to Jewish law.

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:**

YeHoVaH's Law gave permission for the Hebrews to put a person to death for blasphemy.

Lev 24:16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, **and all the congregation shall certainly stone him:** as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of *the LORD*, shall be put to death.

Based on the Law they were referring to, Yeshua was to be stoned. Had Pilate knew the Law and wanted to appease them because of the Law, Pilate would have released Yeshua to them based on Leviticus 24:16 so that they could stone Yeshua as they were about to do according to the Law in John 10 when Yeshua said:

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,

It is one thing for the Gentiles to not know the Law, but it is a different thing for the people of YeHoVaH.

Hosea wrote:

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

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 prophesied that He would be crucified. These things were done in fulfillment of the prophecy Yeshua spoke on how He would die.

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.

Mk 10:32 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Yeshua went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him,

Mk 10:33 *Saying*, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

Mk 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

Lk 18:31 Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

Lk 18:32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

Lk 18:33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.

Lk 18:34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

Acts confirms this.

Ac 4:5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

Ac 4:6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Ac 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Ac 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Ac 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Yeshua, whom thou hast anointed, both **Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel**, were gathered together,

Ac 4:28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Although Pilate was willing to let Yeshua go, the Chief Priests and the people they had stirred up, were not willing, but became fiercer.

Herod's Involvement

Lk 23:5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

Lk 23:6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaeen.

Lk 23:7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

Lk 23:8 And when Herod saw Yeshua, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long *season*, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

Lk 23:9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

Lk 23:10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

## The Robe

Lk 23:11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

When Yeshua was sent to Pilate, the robe given to Him by Herod went with Him.

Jn 19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Yeshua, and scourged *him*.

Jn 19:2 And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put *it* on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,

Jn 19:3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

Jn 19:4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

Jn 19:5 Then came Yeshua forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And *Pilate* saith unto them, Behold the man!

Pilate gave them permission to take Yeshua and crucify Him.

Jn 19:6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. **Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.**

The Jews outsmarted Pilate because Pilate did not know the Law. Pilate was willing to release Yeshua to the Chief Priests so that they could crucify Yeshua.

The Jews told Pilate about a Law:

Jn 19:7 The Jews answered him, **We have a law**, and by our law he ought to die, because **he made himself** the Son of God.

Jn 19:8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

The Death Penalty for blasphemy was stoning.

Lev 24:16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, **and all the congregation shall certainly stone him**: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name *of the LORD*, shall be put to death.

Lk 23:12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

Sometimes people who dislike each other may become friends because of their issues with you.

Lk 23:13 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

Lk 23:14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

Lk 23:15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

Lk 23:16 I will therefore chastise him, and release *him*.

Lk 23:17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

Lk 23:18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and release unto us Barabbas:

Lk 23:19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

Lk 23:20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Yeshua, spake again to them.

Lk 23:21 But they cried, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify him.

Lk 23:22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let *him* go.

The Gentiles were willing to let Yeshua go, but the Jews had been stirred up by the religious leaders and the Chief Priest, so the Jew's voices prevailed.

Lk 23:23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

They forced Pilate's hand to do their bidding.

Lk 23:24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

Lk 23:25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Yeshua to their will.

This was all part of YeHoVaH's master plan as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah:

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors.