

## NEW BEGINNINGS

### Mark 14:50, 53, 55–56, 60–65

50 Then everyone deserted Him and fled.

53 They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together.

55 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put Him to death, but they did not find any. 56 Many testified falsely against Him, but their statements did not agree.

60 Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer?”...

61 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

62 “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

63 The high priest tore His clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. 64 “You have heard the blasphemy...” They all condemned Him as worthy of death. 65 Then some began to spit at Him; they blindfolded Him, struck Him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took Him and beat Him.

### Mark 15:1

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.

### John 18:28-31, 33-37

Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this Man?”

30 “If He were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed Him over to you.”

31 Pilate said, “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected.

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about Me?"

35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed You over to me. What is it You have done?"

36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now My kingdom is from another place.

37 "You are a King, then!" said Pilate.

### **Luke 23:4-5, 14-16, 18**

<sup>4</sup> Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this Man."

<sup>5</sup> But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by His teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

<sup>14</sup> ... "You brought me this Man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined Him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against Him. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; as you can see, He has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, I will punish Him and then release Him."

<sup>18</sup> But the whole crowd shouted, "Away with this man!..."

### **John 19:1-4, 6**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They clothed Him in a purple robe <sup>3</sup> and went up to Him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped Him in the face.

<sup>4</sup> Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing Him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against Him."

<sup>6</sup> As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

<sup>7</sup> The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God."

<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid...

### **Mark 15:5**

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

**John 19:10-16**

<sup>10</sup> “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free You or to crucify You?”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, “You would have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above...”

<sup>12</sup> From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this Man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). <sup>14</sup> It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews.

<sup>15</sup> But they shouted, “Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!”

“Shall I crucify your King?” Pilate asked.

“We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

<sup>16</sup> Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified.

**Mark 15:22-24**

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). <sup>23</sup> Then they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified Him. Dividing up His clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

**John 19:39-40**

He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

<sup>40</sup> Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

**Matthew 27:62-66**

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. <sup>63</sup> “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup> So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, His disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that He has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

<sup>65</sup> “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” <sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.