

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**The Roman Trials: #4, 5
Matthew 27:11–14; Mark 15:1–5;
Luke 23:1–12; John 18:28–38**

Introduction: Jesus' fourth and fifth trials



Jesus' Six Trials

Religious Trials

Before Annas — John 18:12–14

Before Caiaphas — Matthew 26:57–68

Before the Sanhedrin — Matthew 27:1–2

Criminal Trials

Before Pilate — John 18:28–38

Before Herod — Luke 23:6–12

Before Pilate — John 18:39–19:6

The Plot

Matthew 27:1, 2



**[Mark 15:1; Matt. 27:2; Luke 23:1;
John 18:28]**

Immediately, early in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, and the whole multitude of them led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and delivered Him to Pilate. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

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Matt. 26:63, “But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, ‘I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!’

Matt. 26:64, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.’

Matt. 26:65, “Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, ‘He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!’ ”

Matt. 26:66, “ ‘What do you think?’ They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death.’ ”

The Accusation

John 18:29–30; Luke 23:2

John 18:29, “Pilate then went out to them and said, ‘What accusation do you bring against this Man?’ ”

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Matt. 17:22, “Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, ‘The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,’ ”

Matt. 20:18, “ ‘Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,

Matt. 20:19, “ ‘and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.’ ”

Matt. 26:2, “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Matt. 26:15, “and said, ‘What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?’ And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

Matt. 26:16, “So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.”

JUDAEA

37-4 BC

King Herod the Great

4 BC-AD 6

Herod Archelaus,
ethnarch

41-44

King Herod Agrippa I

GALILEE

37-4 BC

King Herod the Great

4 BC-AD 39

Herod-Antipas,
tetrarch

39-44

King Herod Agrippa I

56/61-93(?) (parts)

King Herod Agrippa II

ITURAEA *etc.*

22-4 BC

King Herod the Great

4 BC-AD 34

Herod Philip, tetrarch

37-44

King Herod Agrippa I

50-93(?) **King Herod**

Agrippa II

DEDICATORY INSCRIPTION

כתובת הקדשה

“(פונ)טיוס פילטוס, נציב יודיאה, (הקיסר)
את (המבנה המקודש) (לקיסר) טיבריוס.”

העתק, הכתובת המקורית נחשפה במהלך החפירות במיאסרן, מסהיתא
בשימוש משני.
האבן המקורית מוצגת במוזיאון ישראל, ירושלים.

“(Po)ntius Pilatus, the prefect of
Judaea, (erected) a (building dedicated)
to (the emperor) Tiberius”.

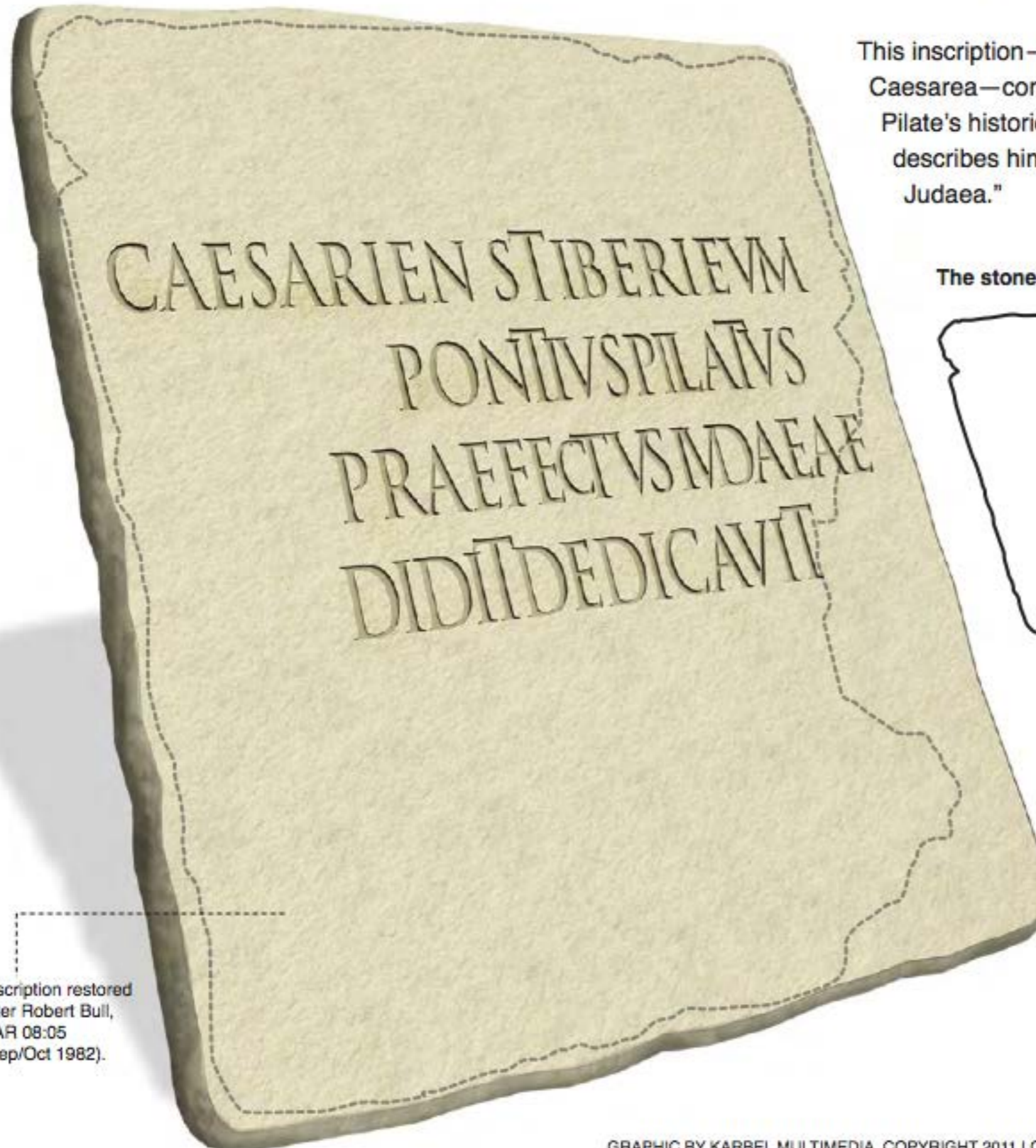
Replica. The original inscription, found in secondary
use during the excavations of the theater, is on display
at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Pontius Pilatus was the Roman prefect
who presided over the trial of Jesus of
Nazareth (Matt. 27:11-26). The content
of the inscription and the use of the
Latin language hint at the level of
Romanization throughout the province,
and in Caesarea, at the beginning of
the 1st c. A.D.

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פונטיוס פילטוס היה הנציב שדן את ישו
לצליבה על פי הברית החדשה (מתי כ"ז:
11-26). השימוש בשפה הלטינית ותוכן
הכתובת משקפים את היקף ההשפעה
של תרבות רומא בארץ ישראל ובקיסריה,
במאה ה-1 לסה"נ.

Pontius Pilate's Inscription



Inscription restored
after Robert Bull,
BAR 08:05
(Sep/Oct 1982).

This inscription—found in Caesarea—confirms Pontius Pilate's historical existence. It describes him as "Prefect of Judaea."

The stone tablet today:



Today, the text has been badly damaged, but seems to have originally read:

"For the Caesareans. The Tiberium, which Pontius Pilate, the Prefect of Judaea, gave [and] dedicated."

The "Tiberium" was a temple to the emperor Tiberius, who was worshiped as divine.

LIBEREA

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Herodian Genealogy

Herod the Great

Archelaus
4 BC—AD 6
Ethnarch
Judea

Antipas
4 BC—AD 39
Tetrarch
Galilee, Perea

Philip
4 BC—AD 34
Tetrarch
N.E. of Galilee

Herod Agrippa I
AD 39—44
Tetrarch
N.E. of Galilee

Herod Agrippa II
AD 50—92
Tetrarch
N.E. of Galilee

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John 18:31, “Then Pilate said to them, ‘You take Him and judge Him according to your law.’”

Therefore the Jews said to him, ‘It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,’ ”

John 18:32, “that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.”

John 18:33, “Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again.”

Matt. 27:11, “And Pilate, the governor asked Him, saying, ‘Are You the King of the Jews?’

Matt. 27:12, “And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.”

Matt. 27:13, “Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, ‘Do You answer nothing? Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?’

Matt. 27:14, “But He answered him not one word, so that Pilate, the governor marveled greatly.”

John 18:34, “Jesus answered him, ‘Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?’

John 18:35, “Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?’

John 18:36, “Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.’ ”

John 18:37, “Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’ ”

John 18:38, “Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’ And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, ‘I find no fault in Him at all.’ ”

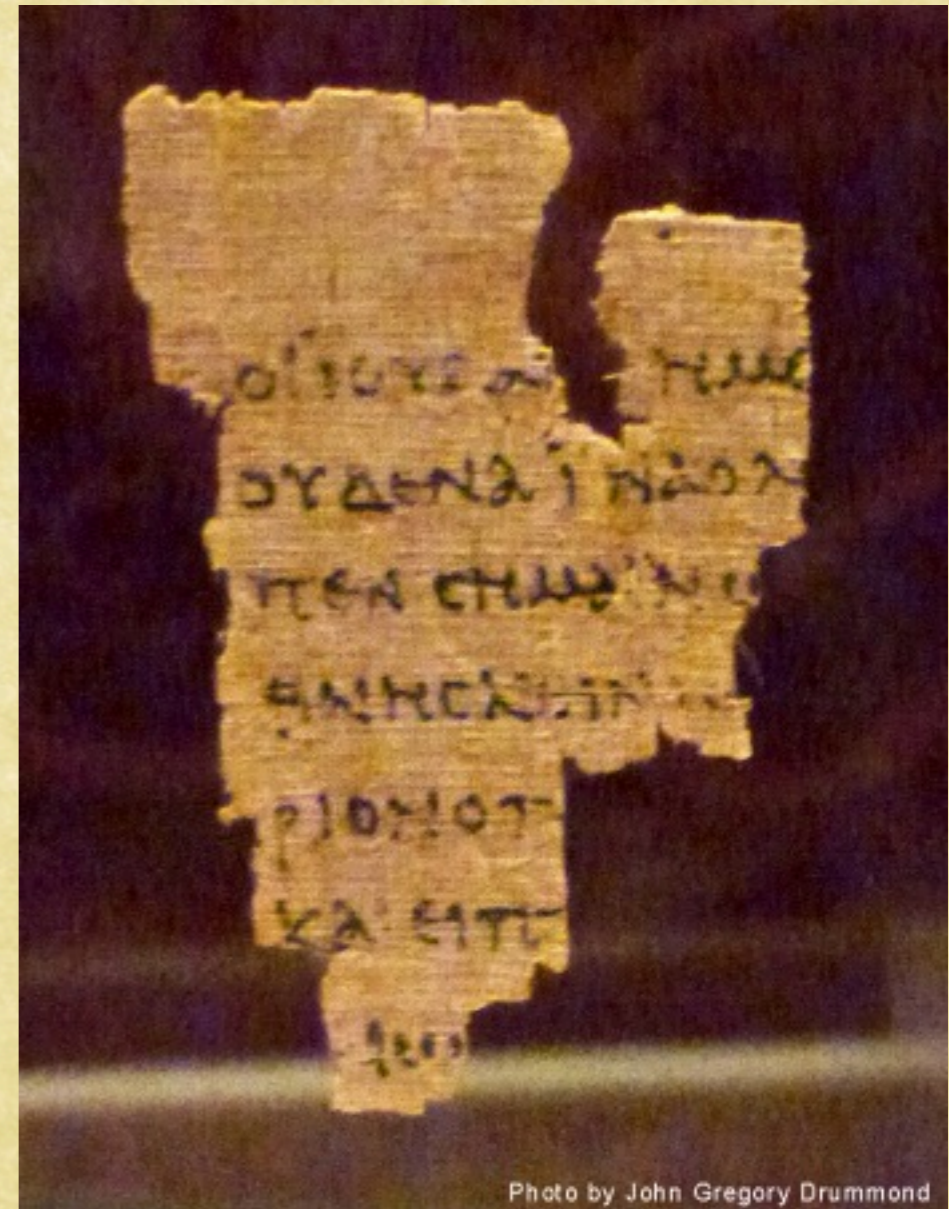


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John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”

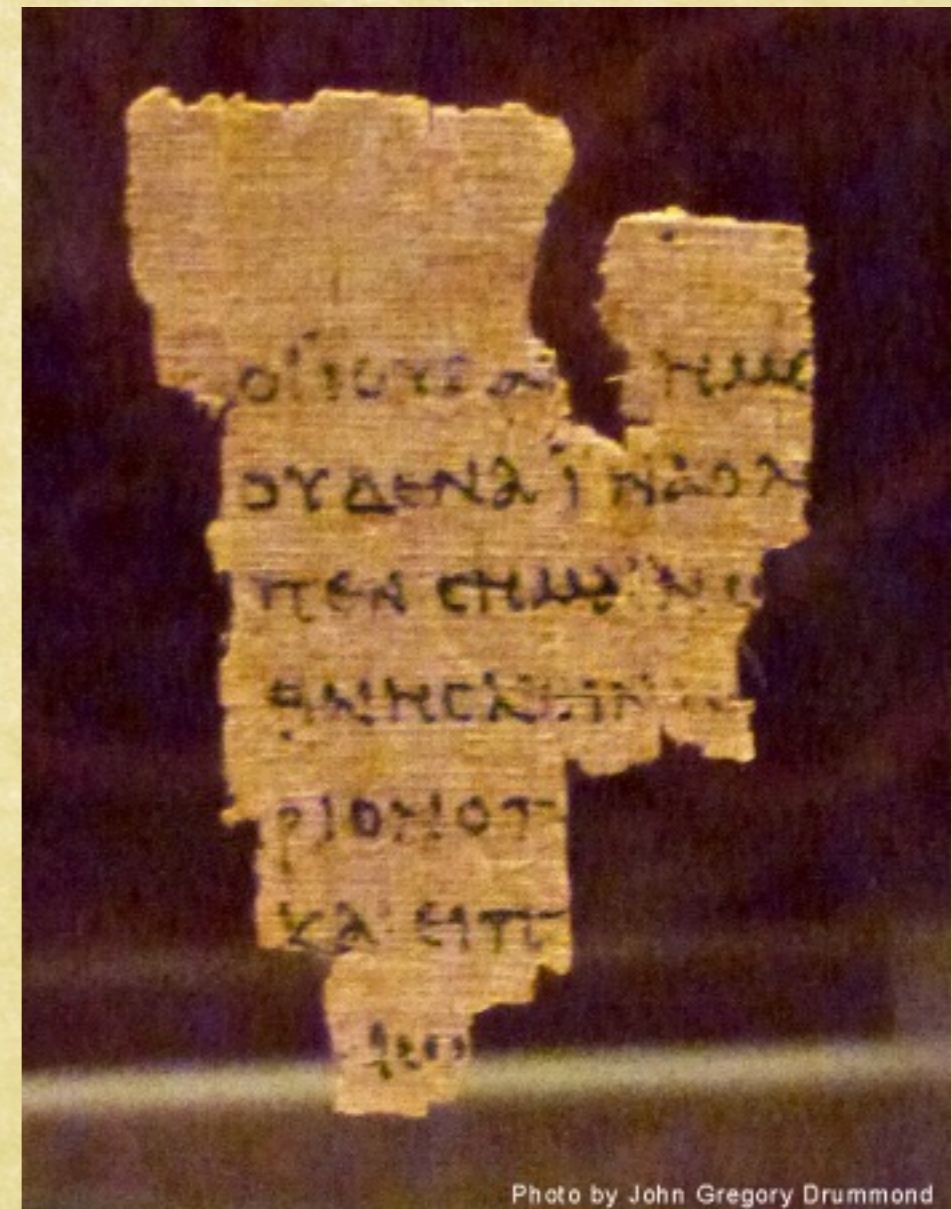


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The Fifth Trial: Herod Antipas



Luke 23:7, “And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Luke 23:8, “Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

Luke 23:9, “Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.”

Luke 23:11, “Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

Luke 23:12, “That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.”