

(34) Scourging and Mockery by Roman Soldiers & Pilate's Final Attempt to Release Him (Mt. 27:27-30; Mk. 15:16-19; Jn. 19:1-15)

1. Matthew & Mark present Pilate's scourging of Jesus (Mt. 27:26; Mk. 15:15) as a prologue to His additional mockery (Mt. 27:27-30; Mk. 15:16-20).
 - a. φραγελλόω phragelloō ^{#5417}_{2x} (Mt. 27:26; Mk. 15:15) & φραγέλλιον phragellion ^{#5417}_{1x} (Jn. 2:15) are Latin loanwords. Used only here in the NT, and never in the LXX or AF.
 - b. John's ll text uses μαστιγόω mastigoō ^{#3146}_{7x} (Mt. 10:17; 20:19; 23:34; Mk. 10:34; Lk. 18:33; Jn. 19:1; Heb. 12:6). Used 30x in the LXX incl. Prov. 3:12 and 4x in AF ([I Clement 56.4](#)). Hundreds of classical usages. Also μάστιξ mastix ^{#3148}_{6x} (Heb. 11:36; Acts 22:24) & μαστίζω mastizō ^{#3147}_{1x} (Acts 22:25).
 - c. The Roman scourging should not be viewed as the fulfillment of Isa. 53:5. It was a physical preparation for the spiritual scourging God the Father would effect upon His Son.
2. John also details the scourging and the mocking (Jn. 19:1-3), but goes on to detail Pilate's final release attempt (Jn. 19:4-8).
 - a. Pilate presented the scourged and mocked ugliness to the mob with his "Behold the man" proclamation (Jn. 19:1-5).
 - b. The chief priests, officers, and Jews were unmoved by the visual display (Jn. 19:6-7).
 - c. Pilate was already afraid, but the Jewish testimony to Jesus' deity increased Pilate's fear (Jn. 19:8).
3. Pilate last interrogation focused on kingship and ended with Pilate rejecting a message of truth (Jn. 18:33-38). This interrogation focuses on deity and ended with Pilate responding to a message of authority from above and greater sin (Jn. 19:9-11).
4. Indoor (Jn. 19:12) and outdoor (Jn. 19:13,14) release efforts by the Roman governor were thwarted by the Jews' devotion to Caesar (Jn. 19:12,15).
 - a. The Pavement gives us an interesting link from Gethsemane to Gabbatha to Golgotha.
 - b. The judgment seat here pictures a more important judgment seat. βῆμα bēma ^{#968}_{12x} (Mt. 27:19; Jn. 19:13; Acts 18:12,16,17; 25:6,10,17; Rom. 14:10; 2nd Cor. 5:10).