

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 7, 1988**

**Jesus' Gentile Trial
Part 2
Matthew 27:11-26/Luke 23:8-12
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Jesus before Pilate

The Jewish leaders never wanted justice. All they wanted was Christ's death. They knew their positions were in jeopardy. When Pilate says, "I find no guilt in Him," the Jews go into an uproar insisting Jesus must be crucified.

Pilate has a major problem, how to exercise justice and at the same time maintain order with the Jews.

Luke 23: Pilate learns that Jesus is a Galilean, someone within Herod's jurisdiction, so he orders Jesus to be taken to Herod. Herod was very glad to see Jesus because he wanted to see Jesus perform some sign, some miracle. He wanted to be entertained. So much like the world today wanting to be entertained.

Jesus, knowing the condition of Herod's heart, gives him no response. Jesus does not say a word to Herod. Herod, not being entertained by Jesus, creates his own entertainment by having Jesus dressed in a gorgeous robe, mocking Jesus.

Pilate like so many people sought to ignore Jesus. Herod sought to fill the needs of his life by sensual pleasure.

We have the light of the gospel of the Lord Jesus. So how do we carry on?

Revelation 5:11-14: "Worthy is the Lamb"