



Mariner's  
**DISCOVERY  
Church**

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*Program for Sunday, March 28, 2021*

**Call to Worship:** *The Lion and the Lamb*  
*House of Miracles*

**Welcome, announcements, and prayer:**

- **Thanks for joining us today!!!** Please continue wearing your masks and following Covid-19 safety guidelines. For your convenience there are hand sanitizer stations throughout the gym. Videos of the service will be recorded, and will be available on the MDC Website each week following the service.
- **We're sorry it's a little chilly in the gym** today but the school is still working on the heater. Please check next Friday's email to see the status for next Sunday.
- **Bible Study is every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. via teleconference.** Pastor Larry is leading a series on, "Jonah, the reluctant preacher." Call in number (Long Distance) (848) 777-1212, PIN 925 354 1096#. For questions, please contact the church.
- **We extend our condolences to the family of Doris and Jack Parelli.**
- **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
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**Adoration:** *Greater*  
*King of Kings*

**Message: Judas Iscariot: One of the Twelve.**

**Response / Invitation:** *No Longer a Slave*

**Assurance / Sending:** *Confidence*

**Close of Service**

**Message Notes:**

**Friday’s Devotional:** David’s call to praise in Psalm 103. Just some of the benefits from God for us: God pardons; God heals, God redeems, God crowns, God satisfies, and God renews.

**Spiritual Transformation is not:**

- Lame man: respecting culture more than Jesus, Who healed you.
- Rich Young Ruler: What I have is more important than a <deeper> relationship with Jesus.
- Judas Iscariot, from follower, disciple, 1 of the 12, to thief, hypocrite, conspirator, betrayer, suicide.

**Spiritual Transformation is:**

- Nicodemus: Continued obedience to progressive revelation and understanding.
- Samaritan woman: Allowing God to transform my story of shame to a platform for testimony.
- Zacchaeus: Demonstrated through repentance, penitence, restitution, and fellowship.
- Mary Magdalene. She loved, followed, supported and identified with Jesus, in His life, burial, and resurrection.
- John the Apostle. Allowing God to change John’s idea of God, His plan, and what God wants John to believe, say, and do.

H.E.A.R.T.	Face to Face with Jesus
<b>Habitation (of the heart)</b>	Where was their treasure / heart?
<b>Expectation (of the mind)</b>	What was their expectation?
<b>Agitation/Alteration (of the situation)</b>	Meeting Jesus face to face. Who is He? Who are they?
<b>Revelation (of God / God’s will)</b>	What was revealed about God and His will?
<b>Transformation (of the heart, mind, soul, will, and life)</b>	What (if any) was the transformation?

**Judas Iscariot: Lessons**

- God is sovereign. I have free will.
- Love of money is the root of all evil.
- Do not put God in a box
- Peter believed that he could be forgiven. Judas did not.
- People in rebellion against God prefer darkness to the light, the better to hide their sin.
- Sometimes, a life of sin is a progression:
  - Thief, Hypocrite, Conspirator, Traitor, Suicidal.
- Seemingly sincere believers, may not be what they appear to be.
- Remorse without repentance has little value.
- Opportunities pass.

**Who was one of the first politicians to communicate:**

Personally, I am “Pro-Life.” Politically, I am “Pro-Choice.”

**Pontius Pilate: Governor of Judea**

- Likely: Previous military record, educated, somewhat wealthy, connected politically, and socially.
- General of the Roman Army in Judea
- Chief Administrator of the Roman tax system.
- Supreme judge on cases affecting Rome.
- Ruled for 10-12 years, 26-36 AD.
- Married (likely an alliance marriage).
- Stayed in Caesarea.
- Came to Jerusalem for festivals.
- Appointed High Priest.
- Recalled, then retired. Suicide?
- Pushed “Caesar is God” cult. Offended Jews by moving:
  - Imperial standard with Caesar image into Jerusalem.
    - Jews protest. Pilate relents, and removes offensive standards.
  - Golden shields with images (Tiberius, son of divine Augustus) into Herod’s palace.
    - Emperor petitioned. Emperor Tiberius reprimands Pilate. Shields removed.
- Takes temple treasury to pay for a new aqueduct to Jerusalem.
- Likely many more minor incidents, including killing of Galileans mentioned in the Gospel of Luke.

## Harmony of the Gospels

Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king."

So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge — to the great amazement of the governor.

Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

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

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

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

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

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."

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "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. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.). The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask to have Pilate release Barabbas and to have Jesus executed. With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!"

"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

"Crucify him!" they shouted.

"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him."

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he decided to grant their demand. He took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

Then to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. And they went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. And they struck him in the face.

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

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."

The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

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). It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

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.

Finally, Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

#### **Timeline: Good Friday morning.**

- Betrayal is very late Thursday night / very early Friday morning
- Taken to Annas (former High Priest) for trial #1.
- Taken to Caiaphas (High Priest), Sanhedrin, trial #2.
- Daybreak: Caiaphas, Sanhedrin, trial #3, legal formality.
- Taken to Pilate: trial #4.
- Taken to Herod: trial #5.
- Taken to Pilate: trial #6.
- Scourged.
- Choice given to the people.
- Condemned.

#### **Pilate: Personal issues**

- Previous bad decisions created opportunities for "blackmail."
- Pilate had to please people he did not respect.
- Pilate found Jesus not guilty, declared it 6 times!
  - Still had Jesus flogged.
  - Still had Jesus crucified.
  - "Washed his hands of the judgment."
- Pilate had Jesus' death verified before releasing the body.

#### **Takeaways:**

- Bible is historical, geographical, factual.
- Envy is self-destructive:
- Distorts my view of God, His plan, my part.
- Thoughts and decisions are personally counter-productive.
- Truth is not relative ("truth for me").
- I need to have the courage to speak the truth with love in the face of error.
- I cannot abandon truth for the sake of peace.
- God allows those in authority to have the authority that they have.
- God is sovereign. I am responsible for what I think, believe, say, and do.

#### **MDC wants to help. We are here for you.**

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