

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Trial of the Ages – Part 1”

Luke 23:1-12

- I. PILATE THE POLITICIAN (vv.1-7)
 - A. The accusers (v.1)
 1. The “whole multitude” refers to the Sanhedrin
 - B. The accusations (v.2)
 1. They accused Him of “perverting the nation”
 - a. “Perverting” means distorting, twisting, misleading, or corrupting
 2. They accused Him of “forbidding to give tribute to Caesar”
 - a. “Tribute” means taxes
 3. They accused Him of saying “that he himself is Christ”
 - C. The arraignment (vv.3-4)
 1. Pilate asked, “Art thou the King of the Jews?”
 2. Jesus answered, “Thou sayest it”
 3. Pilate decided, “I find no fault in this man”
 - D. The avoidance (vv.5-7)
 1. “Galilee” got Pilate’s attention
 2. Although Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which is in Judea, He was raised in Nazareth, which is in Galilee
- II. HEROD THE HEDONIST (vv.8-12)
 - A. The rejoicing (v.8)
 1. Herod was glad to see Jesus
 - B. The research (vv.9-10)
 1. Herod questioned Jesus, but He would not answer
 - a. Isaiah 53:7, “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth”
 - C. The ridicule (vv.11-12)
 1. Herod and his men mocked Jesus
 - a. They dressed Him in a “gorgeous robe”; gorgeous means brilliant, shining, or radiant