

## The Apostles' Creed Suffered Under Pontius Pilate

Isaiah 53:3-7 ❖ Matthew 27:11-26

"The Apostles' Creed leaps over the life of Jesus from His birth to His death. The suffering of Christ stands at the core of Christianity."  
("What We Believe," R. C. Sproul, p. 117)

### A Faith Anchored in History

*A friend of mine turned his back on \_\_\_\_\_ altogether when he found out that the "Book of Mormon" was not based on historical \_\_\_\_\_.*

Ancient \_\_\_\_\_ records record that Pontius Pilate was the fifth \_\_\_\_\_ of the province of Judea from 26-37 A. D.

His administration of Judea is documented in many places: a \_\_\_\_\_ from King Herod to Emperor Caligula; \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish historian Josephus and the Roman historian Tacitus.

There is even a record of the \_\_\_\_\_ Pilate sent to Rome describing the trial and execution of \_\_\_\_\_!

In 1961 archaeologists unearthed a stone \_\_\_\_\_ in the ruins of the Roman amphitheater in Caesarea. It was actually a \_\_\_\_\_ that had been repurposed. The Latin inscription mentions "Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Judea." It is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Stone.

Of all the historical figures who interacted with Jesus, the Creed \_\_\_\_\_ out Pilate. The Romans did not allow the Jews to carry out \_\_\_\_\_ punishment, so he represents the legal \_\_\_\_\_.

### Suffered

"He was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with \_\_\_\_\_. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for our transgressions, He was \_\_\_\_\_ for our iniquities; the \_\_\_\_\_ that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His \_\_\_\_\_ we are healed" (Isaiah 53:3, 5).

Refusing to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus suffered as no one before or since.

Jesus suffered \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Under Pontius Pilate

The Jewish leaders tried to convince Pilate that Jesus was guilty of \_\_\_\_\_, so Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews?" To which Jesus answered, "\_\_\_\_\_, it is as you say" (Mt 27:11).

The governor was \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ Himself further against the accusations of the Jewish religious leaders. (v. 14) He did not realize a prophecy was being \_\_\_\_\_ before his very eyes: "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His \_\_\_\_\_" (Isaiah 53:7).

Pilate's \_\_\_\_\_ sent him a message: "Don't have anything to do with this \_\_\_\_\_ man, for I have \_\_\_\_\_ a great deal today in a \_\_\_\_\_ because of Him" (v. 19).

It was the governor's custom during the \_\_\_\_\_ Feast to \_\_\_\_\_ a prisoner chosen by the crowd, so Pilate asked them, "Who do you want me to release - Barabbas or \_\_\_\_\_?"

When they shouted, "Barabbas!" Pilate asked them what they wanted him to do with Jesus. They shouted, "\_\_\_\_\_ Him!" Pilate pleaded, "Why?" What \_\_\_\_\_ has He committed?" But they shouted all the \_\_\_\_\_, "\_\_\_\_\_ Him!" (vv. 22-23)

Pilate realized he was getting nowhere, and a \_\_\_\_\_ was starting, so he washed his \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the crowd. "I am \_\_\_\_\_ of this man's \_\_\_\_\_," he said (v. 24).

Pilate \_\_\_\_\_ Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and handed Him over to be \_\_\_\_\_" (v. 26).

For almost 2,000 years, Christians have said, "I believe ... Jesus ... \_\_\_\_\_ under Pontius \_\_\_\_\_."

### Takeaway

No matter how much Pilate \_\_\_\_\_ his hands, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus was on them. Yet it is more important to know who Jesus suffered \_\_\_\_\_ than who He suffered \_\_\_\_\_.

