

**John 18:28-32**

*The Lamb's Death March For Life.*

**INTRO:** In what sense is John 18:28f “the Lamb’s death march?” In what sense is it a “march for life?”

**Three Sermon Planks**

**1) The Lamb’s Death March** \_\_\_\_\_.

*(John 18:28; Isaiah 53:7-8; Mark 10:45; Luke 9:51)*

**2) The Trial Within the** \_\_\_\_\_.

*(John 18:29-31)*

3) The “What \_\_\_\_\_ for Evil, God Means for Good” Reminder.

*(John 18:32; Acts 2:22-41; 4:24-28; Genesis 50:20)*

**For Further Reflection/Application:** *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers!*

What is the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted?

What do you want to study further as a result of today's message?

Did you memorize James 4:17 per last week's sermon/sermon handout? Did you have any recent opportunities to apply this verse to your Christian walk? If so, please share this with someone.

In what sense is John 18:28f "the Lamb's death march?" In what sense is it a "march for life?" Note the verse listed under "plank" one (page one).

Why did the preacher label John 18:29-31 "the Trial within the Trial?" Why does Pilate start his own hearing? Note the historical background presented during the previous 2-3 sermons.

What are some evil things that unbelievers are trying to accomplish in America/or in this world right now? Read John 18:31-32; Acts 2:22-41; Acts 4:24-28; Genesis 50:20; and Romans 8:28. How does the Scriptural principle in sermon plank #3 (p. 2) provide hope? How does this principle help Christians to not freak out and enjoy God's peace?

God's absolute sovereignty is a precious and comforting truth for believing believers. Note Jerry Bridges exceptional book, "Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts" and Thomas Watson's, "All Things For Good."

God hates all forms of (heartless) external religion (Joel 2:13; Matthew 5-7; 23). Religious activities without faith are abhorrent in the eyes of God (note Heb. 11:6). The Pharisees knew how to look holy. They put on a great show, especially when people were watching. Note John 18:28b (Matthew 23).

Pilate's love of self (power/prestige) and his past blunders contributed to him condemning Jesus (a man he knew to be innocent). On 8/27/23 I highlighted: 1) *Pilate's Blunderous Beginning*. 2) *Pilate's Sacreligious Allocation*. 3) *Pilate's Galilean Desecration*. And 4) *Pilate's Samaritan Slaughter*. This message was titled, "Avoiding the Pitfalls of the Past." How did Pontious Pilate's past mistakes put extra pressure on him to compromise? Have you ever found yourself in a similar situation? How can we put the past in the past, so it does not unduly impact the present/future?

No less than 5 Factors Contributed to the "Bad Blood" between the Jews and Rome:

- 1) *Taxes, Taxes, Taxes.*
- 2) *Roman Occupation and the Loss of National Sovereignty.*
- 3) *Dirty Politics and Bad Actors.*
- 4) *Unkosher Policies; such as "Romanization."*
- 5) *At times, the Jewish Populace Itself.*

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