

## **Condemnation of the Innocent King** **Mark 15:1-15**

### ***Trial before Pilate: (Roman governor, Mk. 15:1-5).***

- Jesus is falsely accused of many things, as seen in Lk. 23:2-5,14.
- Jesus' silence *amazes* Pilate (he is used to intense defenses).
- Why the silence? See in Isa. 53:7, Acts 8:32,33.
- Pilate's verdict = not guilty, Lk. 23:4, Jn. 18:38.

### ***Trial before Herod: (Tetrarch of Galilee, Lk. 23:6-12).***

- Jesus is harshly accused before Herod Antipas, who is in town.
- Jesus is mocked again. We should recall John and Herod.
- Herod's verdict = not guilty, 23:14,15.

### ***Trial before Pilate: (Roman governor again, Mk. 15:6-15).***

- Pilate keeps trying to get Jesus released (Lk. 23:20,22, Jn. 19:12) and hopes the "Passover Pardon" will save Him.
- Pilate's verdict = not guilty, Matt. 27:23, Lk. 23:22, Jn.19:4,6.
- The once-protective crowd (11:18, 12:12) now dooms Jesus.
- Note Pilate and Herod are similar in handling Jesus and John, and see Matt. 27:24 where Pilate tries to deal with his guilt.

*The ultimate reason for Jesus' wrongful execution = Acts 2:23.  
What does the outcome of this unfair trial reveal and suggest?*



**"Behold, the man" (Jn. 19:5)**