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# [**John 19:1-15**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2019.1-15)**– Pilate Resists the Jews**

[**1**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-1.htm)Pilate then took Jesus and **scourged** Him. [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-2.htm)And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-3.htm)and they *began* to come up to Him and say, “**Hail**, King of the Jews!” and to give Him slaps *in the face.* [**4**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-4.htm)Pilate came out again and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-5.htm)Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. *Pilate* said to them, “Behold, the Man!” [**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-6.htm)So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, “Crucify, crucify!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” [**7**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-7.htm)The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out *to be* the Son of God.”  
      [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-8.htm)Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was *even* more **afraid**; [**9**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-9.htm)and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. [**10**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-10.htm)So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have **authority** to release You, and I have **authority** to crucify You?” [**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-11.htm)Jesus answered, “You would have no **authority** over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has *the* greater sin.” [**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-12.htm)As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out *to be* a king opposes Caesar.”  
      [**13**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-13.htm)Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-14.htm)Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” [**15**](http://biblehub.com/john/19-15.htm)So they cried out, “Away with *Him,* away with *Him,* crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

**Interesting Words**

##### scourged

(μαστιγόω – Greek) – mastigoó [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/3146.htm) whip, flog, scourge, the victim being strapped to a pole or frame; a brutal act intended to inflict severe pain and humiliation. The whip, or “mastix,” typically consisted of leather thongs with pieces of bone or metal attached, designed to tear the flesh – [Matt 10:17](https://ref.ly/Matt%2010.17;nasb95?t=biblia), [23:34](https://ref.ly/Matt%2023.34;nasb95?t=biblia); [Heb 12:6](https://ref.ly/Heb%2012.6;nasb95?t=biblia);

##### Hail

(χαίρω – Greek) – chairó [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/5463.htm) rejoice, be glad, be joyful; also a salutation: Hail. In the Greco-Roman world, expressions of joy were often associated with celebrations, victories, and religious festivals. “glad for grace” has a direct “etymological connection with xaris (grace)” – [Matt 2:10](https://ref.ly/Matt%202.10;nasb95?t=biblia), [18:12](https://ref.ly/Matt%2018.12;nasb95?t=biblia), [13](https://ref.ly/Matt%2018.13;nasb95?t=biblia); [Luke 1:26](https://ref.ly/Luke%201.26;nasb95?t=biblia), [27-28](https://ref.ly/Luke%201.27-28;nasb95?t=biblia);

##### afraid

(φοβέω – Greek) – phobeó [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/5399.htm) fear, be afraid, reverence, dread, terrified, from φόβος (phobos), meaning “fear” or “terror, English phobea derived from this word – [Prov 9:10](https://ref.ly/Prov%209.10;nasb95?t=biblia) LXX, [Matt 10:28](https://ref.ly/Matt%2010.28;nasb95?t=biblia), [29-31](https://ref.ly/Matt%2010.29-31;nasb95?t=biblia);

##### authority

(ἐξουσία – Greek) – exousia [►](https://biblehub.com/greek/1849.htm) authority, power, right, jurisdiction, weight, especially: moral authority, influence, in a quasi-personal sense, derived from later Judaism, of a spiritual power, and hence of an earthly power, derived from meaning “it is lawful” or “it is permitted, power or right to act, command, or control – [Matt 7:28-29](https://ref.ly/Matt%207.28-29;nasb95?t=biblia), [8:9](https://ref.ly/Matt%208.9;nasb95?t=biblia), [10](https://ref.ly/Matt%208.10;nasb95?t=biblia);

**Cross References**

▪︎ [Matt 27:17-18](https://ref.ly/Matt%2027.17-18;nasb95?t=biblia);  
▪︎ [Matt 27:19-20](https://ref.ly/Matt%2027.19-20;nasb95?t=biblia);  
▪︎ [Mark 15:15](https://ref.ly/Mark%2015.15;nasb95?t=biblia);

**Discussion Questions**

Download questions to Word document (click here). Enter your answers, then meet with some friends to discuss. You can also compare your answers to mine for a virtual discussion… to return… back.

###### 1. What was Pilate trying to do in the first few verses?

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###### 2. Describe the torture Jesus went thru in the first few verses, both physically and mentally?

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###### 3. What was Pilate’s thinking behind his statements in [John 19:4-5](https://ref.ly/John%2019.4-5;nasb95?t=biblia)?

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###### 4. What does [John 19:7](https://ref.ly/John%2019.7;nasb95?t=biblia), [8-9](https://ref.ly/John%2019.8-9;nasb95?t=biblia) tell you about Pilate’s frame of mind (also note references in Matthew)?

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###### 5. “If he only knew” could be said about Pilate in [John 19:10](https://ref.ly/John%2019.10;nasb95?t=biblia), [11](https://ref.ly/John%2019.11;nasb95?t=biblia). How would you explain this to Pilate if asked?

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###### 6.What is the best application of “authority” in this situation?

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###### 7.Why is this important?

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