

# The Trial



*“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify Him!” “Why? What crime has He committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify Him!”*

**Matthew 27:22-23**

Jesus faced a trial where people accused Him of things He had not done. The governor, Pilate, asked the crowd what to do with Jesus. They demanded for Jesus to be crucified, which means to be put on a cross and killed, even though Jesus was innocent. Pilate, wanting to make the crowd happy, agreed to Jesus being crucified.

## **Why did Pilate allow Jesus to be killed when He did nothing wrong?**

Pilate was pressured by the crowd. The people were demanding that Jesus be crucified, and Pilate didn't want to upset them because it could cause trouble. Fearing unrest and potential conflict, Pilate prioritised appeasing the demands of the people over upholding justice. It was a difficult decision for Pilate, but he chose to go along with the crowd to maintain order rather than do what he knew was right.

Even though people accused Jesus of things He didn't do, He did not defend Himself or fight back because He knew it would lead Him to die on the cross, which needed to be done to save us.

## **Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus to save us. Give us the strength and wisdom to walk courageously in alignment with Your will, even in the face of adversity, just like Jesus's steadfastness during His trial before Pilate and the crowd.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.