


PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

September 10, 2023

<div>Welcome!</div> <div>He will cover you with His FEATHERS and under HIS WINGS you will find REFUGE</div> <div>Psalm 91:4</div> <div><i>"You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me; so my feet did not slip."</i></div> <div>Join us at 6pm for another lesson in our series called: <i>Unsolved Mysteries of the Bible!</i></div> <div>-----</div> <div>Minister: Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com 615-330-8652</div>	<div>Prayer List</div> <div>Doug Demonbreun had surgery last week. The initial prognosis is good, and he was able to rest Friday night</div> <div>Belinda Mayo, Ricky's sister-in-law, is in the hospital not doing well</div> <div>Rebecca Brown fell, but is doing ok at home</div> <div>Maria Hunter Harrington is undergoing tests to determine why she is passing out. She is still in chemotherapy.</div> <div>Steve Webb is continuing chemotherapy, but is back at work.</div> <div>Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.</div> <div>Continue to pray for: the Tabor family, the Buchanan family, Kristine Garrett, Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Weston Johnson and Bill Gillock</div> <div>Remember Bible bowl practice at 5:00 this afternoon</div>	<div>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7 as Tim continues our study of Romans</div> <div>Serving Today</div> <div>Song Leader: Steve Buchanan</div> <div>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Ricky Mayo</div> <div>Prayer: Johnny Walker</div> <div>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Jearmie Gupton Matthew 27:24-26</div> <div>Wait On Table: Dwight Pennington</div> <div>Serve: Mike Reed Doug Demonbreun</div> <div>Prayer: David Billingsley</div>
<div>Service Times</div> <div>Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am Sunday AM Worship 10:30 am Sunday PM Worship 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm</div>	<div>Follow Us</div> <div> pleasantviewcoc</div> <div>pleasantviewchurchofchrist.net</div>	

“I am innocent...” - Matthew 27:24-26
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Pontius Pilate was the fifth governor of the Roman province of Judea (Lk 3:1-2), serving under Emperor Tiberius Caesar from approximately 27 to 37 A.D. (according to Josephus). Though extra-biblical accounts of Pilate's life are limited, they depict Pilate as a tyrant who constantly antagonized the Jews and their religious practices. Pilate is most well known for presiding over the trial of Jesus. This morning we will be looking at his final act of washing his hands, and declaring his innocence, before sending Jesus to be crucified (Mt 27:24-26).

“he was gaining nothing...” - Pilate desperately wanted to get out of the predicament of deciding Jesus' fate. The trial ends with him washing his hands and declaring his innocence of Jesus' blood, but he had already tried numerous ways to get out of making a decision on Jesus:

(1) He sent Jesus to Herod Antipas – *tetrarch of Galilee* (Lk 23:6-12; 9:7-9).

(2) He summoned the rulers and the people to hear the report from Herod (Lk 23:13-15).
- *He declared that Herod agreed with his former declaration that Jesus was innocent*

(3) He proposed to scourge Jesus in the hope that the Jews would accept that punishment as a substitution for the penalty of death (Lk 23:16, 22).

(4) He attempted to throw responsibility on the Jews after pronouncing Him innocent (Jn 18:38b).

(5) He proposed to release Jesus at Passover (Mt 27:15-23; Mk 15:6-15; Jn 18:39-40).

(6) He had Him scourged and brought before the people saying, “Behold, the man!” (Jn 19:1-6)

“a riot was beginning...” - This phrase gives us insight into Pilate's motivation for washing his hands and giving into the crowd's demands. He was desperate to avoid a riot and draw the attention of Rome. In an earlier incident, Anitpas and Philip (sons of Herod the Great) had petitioned Tiberius after Pilate had disturbed the Jews by bringing golden shields into Jerusalem. These shields depicted Tiberius as divine, and Tiberius angrily reprimanded Pilate for his actions.

“washed his hands...” - Hand washing was not a Roman custom. After living several years among the Jews he despised, Pilate picked up one of their own customs (Deut 21:6; Ps 26:6) and used it against them. *Did this relieve him of guilt for the blood of Jesus?*

“I am innocent...” - Pilate's final words here are a declaration of innocence. However, no superficial action like this could take away his guilt. In actuality, we are ALL GUILTY OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS. The crucifixion of Jesus was necessary because everyone who has ever lived is a sinner (Rom 3:23). Jesus went to the cross and became sin, so our guilt could be removed (2Cor 5:21), along with the sins of the whole world.