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What is Pilate's first question and the Jews response? [18:29-30; Lu.23:1-2](#)

What is his answer and the Jews firm demand? [18:31-32; Mt.27:12-13; Mk.15:3-5; Gal.3:13](#)

Fearing insurrection, what's Pilate's question? [18:33-37; Mt.27:11-14; Mk.15:2-5; Lu.23:3](#)

How does Jesus address the 'insurrection' threat? [18:36-37; Rom.14:17; Col.1:12-14](#)

How does Pilate respond then to the Jews? [18:38; Lu.23:4; Mt.27:18-19; 1Pet.2:21-25](#)

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Judas regrets (no repentance) his betrayal. Per OT prophecy, his suicide -> field of blood.

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The Jews led Jesus to the Governor's headquarters, carefully staying outside! Now??

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What accusation do you have against Him? Misleading us, not paying taxes, says He's king

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Judge Him yourself! Not lawful for us to execute. Crucifixion vs. stoning (per prophecy).

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Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus answers, "You have said so." That is, yes as you said!

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Jesus tells Pilate His Kingdom is not of this world, else my servants would be fighting!

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He firmly tells them "I find no guilt in this man". He's no threat to the Romans.