



(“JESUS GOES BEFORE PILATE” courtesy of Austin Avenue United Methodist Church, Waco, Texas)

Luke 23: 13

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him.”



THE CROSS NOW IN VIEW

Jesus was clearly prosecuted for being the Son of God

Given six mock trials, complete with false charges and fraud

Judas led the crowd to Gethsemane where Jesus could be found

By a huge detachment of soldiers; our Lord was cruelly bound.

As a way to identify Christ, Judas approached Him with a kiss

Acting as accuser, using a signal they could not miss

Religious leaders, out of envy, determined our Lord should die

Crucifixion before Sabbath would be their battle cry.

Lacking authority themselves, Pilate would certainly have the power

Thus, to the governor Christ was led, at a very early hour

Pilate repeatedly told the crowd Jesus was guiltless of a crime

But the governor fearing uproar knew he was only wasting time.

His Father could have rescued Him, had Jesus made the call

“God’s kingdom come, Thy will be done;” on His shoulders it would befall.

Our Savior, Suffering Servant, knew things must be this way

The cross now in view, there would be no further delay.