

“The Most Innocent Man Ever”

John 19:1-4

Introduction

- I. In the pursuit of justice, sometimes, unfortunately an innocent person is condemned.
- II. When studying the life of Jesus, we find that no person was more innocent than Him.
- III. Let us remind ourselves of what He did for us.

Discussion

- I. Jesus did nothing worthy of being arrested.
 - A. It is true that Jesus made some people uncomfortable for teaching against their sins, but He did no crime (Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-49; Luke 22:47-53).
 - B. There has never been a man more innocent than the Lord (Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:21-24).
- II. The mockeries of His trial are disgraceful.
 - A. The Jews should not have taken Jesus to the high priest, but their hatred of Him overrode their reason (Matt. 26:57; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54; John 18:12-14, 19-24).
 - B. Since Jesus was innocent, there was a need to secure false witnesses (Matt. 26:58-61; Mark 14:55-59).
- III. The treatment that Jesus received while “under arrest” is deplorable.
 - A. Jesus was blindfolded, stricken, “spat upon”, and mocked (Luke 22:63-64; cf. Matt. 26:68; Mark 14: 65; John 18:19-23).
 - B. Blasphemies/false accusations were spewed about Him (Matt. 26:65; Luke 22:65; 23:2).
 - C. Jesus was taken before Pontius Pilate for no good reason (Matt. 27:1-2, 11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-3).
- IV. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent (John 18:29-38; 19:1-4; Luke 23:1-22; Mark 15:12-14; Matt. 26:19, 22-24).
 - A. The most innocent man ever suffered and was punished for our crimes/sins (Matt. 26:26-50; Mark 15:15-37; Luke 23:23-46; John 19:16-30).
 - B. Paul reflected on the innocence of Jesus, and what He did for us (Rom. 5:6-10).
 - C. Because of the death of one that was truly and perfectly innocent, the wrath of God has been satisfied (Heb. 10:14-18; cf. 1 Cor. 15:22).

Conclusion

- I. Let us never forget that our Lord did nothing wrong, and certainly deserved to be treated better than He was.
- II. However, let us also be grateful that the most innocent man that ever lived willingly tasted death for every man.