

The Indictment of Jesus (John 19.19-22)

“Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, ‘JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.’ Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, ‘Do not write, “The King of the Jews”; but that He said, “I am King of the Jews.”’ Pilate answered, ‘What I have written I have written.’” (John 19.19-22)

I. A _____ message. (John 19.20)

A. Intended audience — _____, _____, and _____. (John 3.14-17; 10.16; 12.32; Romans 1.16; 10.12; Titus 2.11)

B. To be understood. (Matthew 11.25-26, 28-30; Ephesians 3.4; 5.17)

C. Thus the imperative of the great commission. (Matthew 28.19; Mark 16.15; Luke 24.47; Acts 1.8; cf. 1 Timothy 2.4; 2 Peter 3.9)

II. A _____ message. (John 19.21)

A. “The Jews were saying to Pilate, ‘_____...’”

B. It had always been rejected, and Jesus warned it would continue to be so. (Matthew 10.16-18, 21-22, 34-36; John 15.18-19)

C. And indeed it was. (Galatians 1.6-9; 1 John 4.1; 2 John 7)

D. And we are warned that it will always be so. (1 John 3.13)

III. An _____ message. (John 19.22)

A. Opposition never changes _____! (1 Corinthians 3.11; 2 Peter 1.3; Jude 3)

B. We must beware and take action. (1 Corinthians 16.13; cf. Romans 16.17; 2 John 10)

C. Not in word only, but also in deed. (Luke 6.46; John 14.15, 21; 1 John 2.3-6; 5.3; 2 John 6)