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Reading - Luke ch 3 v 1-2  
          Luke ch 13 v 1-5  
          John ch 19 v 1-18  
          Rev ch 21 v 8

Pontius Pilate was the Governor of Judea.

He came face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ and has the opportunity to have his eternity secured. He missed it completely and sent the Saviour to Calvary without getting right with God.

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| 1 - Pilate's Authority | - Purpose of God   |
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| 3 - Pilate's Travesty  | - Plan of God      |
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#### 1 - Purpose

Pilate had been brought into Judea and the Romans were in control. Cesar was on the throne in Rome and Pilate was the Governor of Judea when the Lord was on the earth. The Saviour was perfect. If there had been another people ruling at this time he may not have been crucified. This was a Roman sentence which would fulfil the prophesy “ will look on Him whom they pierced”

The powers of this world are ordained by God. The Romans were in power because God wanted them there.

The God of heaven loves you. The Lord Jesus Christ died for you and is currently on the right hand of the throne of God on high. He is waiting to save you but you have to turn to Him. If you turn to Him you can know all your sins forgiven.

#### 2 - Penalty

Pilate had no regard for God or for His people and their practices. We are all the same - “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”. Has there been a time in your life when you recognised your sin and repented? The Lord warns, “Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish” because “the wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23) and “sin when finished brings forth death” (James 1:15). The reason we die is because of our sin. Have you repented of your sin?

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only person who satisfied God and was perfect, He is the standard God expects.

How important it is to be concerned about your sin which will separate you from God for eternity.

#### 3 - Plan

Pilate came face to face with the Lord

He was the highest authority in the land at the time. He questioned the Lord and three times over declared that he found no fault in Him. Pilate found Him to be perfect but Pilate allowed the people to influence him. Pilate then sent the Lord to Herod - The soldiers mocked Him and beat Him then sent Him back to Pilate. This act allowed Pilate and Herod to become friends again. Are you scared of what your friends will think? Will they mock you if you get saved?

Pilate's wife was mixed up in lots of evil. She knew Jesus was innocent and told Pilate to have nothing to do with Him. Pilate publicly washed his hands instead of accepting the Lord. Are you being put off Salvation by family members? To trust the Saviour and Acknowledge Him as Lord would have cost Pilate His job. He delivered Him to be crucified.

Do not listen to people around you. You have a need to be saved.

#### 4 - Provision

What about Pilate's Eternity?

He stood before him and had the opportunity to acknowledge Him. The next time he meets the Lord it will be in the Lords judgment hall at the great white throne. Pilate wasn't brave enough to trust the Saviour and has gone into eternity.

This might be your last opportunity. He came from heavens glory to go to Calvary because He loves you.

Trust Him and He will do much more for you than this world can do.