

"Things Accomplished Among Us" (Luke 1:1)

Selected Reflections From Luke

Not Guilty

Luke 23

In Luke chapter 23, the inspired historian tells us of Jesus in the days of being on trial, under pressure, hours before His death.

Reading this, what strikes me is – how many times there was a "not guilty" pronouncement.

In the opening paragraph, the elders, chief priests and scribes bring Jesus to Pilate. They made up some charges. Pilate asked Jesus if he was the Christ, the King. Jesus said, "You have said so." Pilate turns to the crowd and says, "I find no guilt in this man." (That's Luke 23:4).

Next, before Pilate, further questioning, Jesus was silent. Verse 14 – Pilate said, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And, after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him." Then in verse 15 – "...nothing deserving death has been done by him."

Then, later in the chapter – as Jesus was dying on the cross – verse 47 – "...the centurion saw what had taken place," and "he praised God" saying "**Certainly, this man was innocent!**"

Jesus was a perfect man, never guilty of any sin. He died to provide forgiveness of sin for us. As Peter wrote, in 1 Pet. 3:18 – "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit."

Have you responded to the offer of salvation?

Thank You for listening.