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ONE SOUL AT A TIME

Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

Promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Inner City

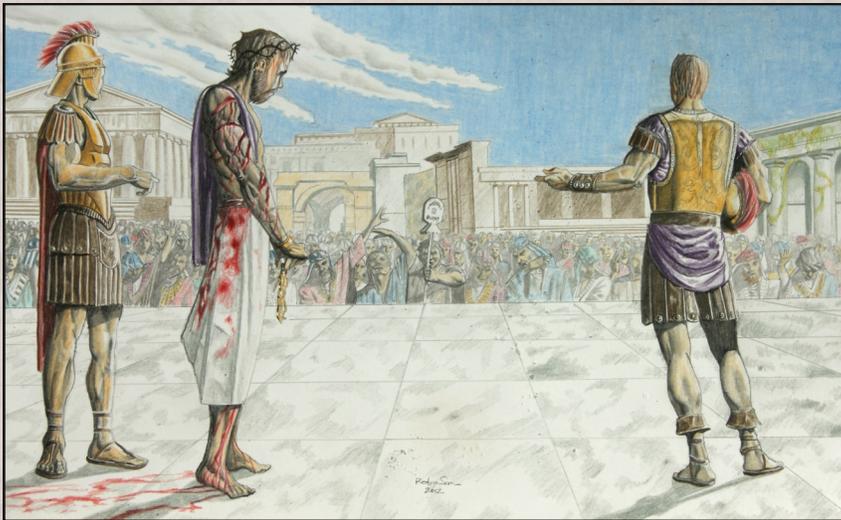
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Pilate Held Accountable?

The Jews insisted on Jesus' murder while Pilate plead for Him



In the account of Jesus' crucifixion in [John 19](#), Pilate responded to Jesus' silence when he was being accused by the Jews with: *"Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?"* Jesus' reply was *"Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin."* Pilate went on to plead for Jesus' freedom, but the Pharisees, convincing the common man also, demanded Jesus' crucifixion. Is Pilate then to be held accountable for Jesus' death?

Jesus died because of collectively **all** our sin, but many arguments have gone about as to who made the crucifixion possible. Pilate was a government politician, and he had to act within bureaucratic confines. The Pharisees had proposed an argument that by their law, and because Jesus had competed with the kingship of Caesar, Jesus deserved to die, and Pilate was a representative of the laws and cultures of his providence. But Pilate went to great ex-

tremes to plead with the Jews not to have Jesus crucified, when he could not have very easily agreed. He offered Jesus to be released for their passover day, but they chose the robber Barabbas. Pilate also had Jesus scourged with a cat-o-nine tails whip that tore into His skin, mocking Him with a purple robe and crown of thorns to appease the Jews but keep Him alive. But the Jewish leaders cried out all the more to crucify Him. Pilate answered in Matthew 27:23 *"Why, what evil hath he done?"* But they insisted on his execution, saying *"If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar."*

Pilate washed his hands to signify his desire not to be blamed for the execution of Christ. He did everything possible to publicly display his unwillingness to consent to the crucifixion but still give the mob its way to prevent a riot. It is very possible that Christ never held Pilate accountable for his death on the cross. ■



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The Door to Sambucca



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Turning of the Tables
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Job's Trial

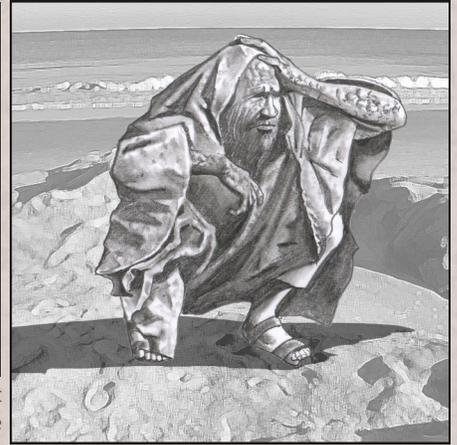
One of the worst possible states of man

The Bible gives the account of a man named Job who was considered one of the most righteous and wealthy men in the east ([Job Chapters 1-2](#)). When Satan comes before God to represent himself with the other fallen angels, God commends Job to Satan for his righteousness. Satan then begins to doubt Job's motives saying he only is righteous because God takes care of him; that if God were to remove all that he gave Job then Job would curse God to his face. God then allows Satan to afflict Job, and Job loses all of his property and his children. He develops a skin disease and his wife turns on him. And it all happens within a matter of a few days. The rest of the book deals with Job's words concerning his estate and his discourse with his three friends who come to mourn with him about the greatness and severity of God .

All of us can find this parallel in our life that seems to fit the cliché "why do bad things happen to good people?" When God saved us from hell he didn't promise a life of pleasure and without trouble. As a matter of fact, our salvation creates further problems with non-believers who often ridicule and persecute the Christian.

The greatest persecution of the church is recorded in secular history

Job In Sackcloth and Ashes by Jim Robinson. Very often in the Bible a great man, including a king, would humiliate himself in sackcloth (rags) and ashes by literally sitting in ashes and throwing ashes over his head and skin. This was a statement of repentance and abasing of the man before God publicly. In this case Job was also afflicted with boils on his skin. [Order print.](#)



books during about 500-1500 AD (The Dark Ages) when over 50,000,000 Christians were killed and tortured by the Roman Catholic Church including death by lions eating them alive.

Paul said it this way: [Romans 8:35-39](#). The rewards of our relationship with Christ far surpasses the persecution we may receive in this life. Job was rewarded with about double what he had before when his trial was over ([Job 42](#)). Likewise, rewards on this earth and a heaven after we die awaits us if we are faithful.

The Pharisee and the Publican

Flaunting your Christianity or humility?

In [Luke 18:9-14](#) The Bible gives us story about two men who went up to pray. The one demanded that God commend him for his righteousness in his tithing and service to God, the other could only beg mercy for his wickedness. The Bible says that the one who begged mercy was the one that was justified.

God makes it clear that good works do not save a man from Hell. Good works are *reasonable service* for a man, that which is expected of him in return for God letting him breathe His air. Far too often we demand God's blessing based on our "good works" forgetting about our sinful nature and the need for God's righteousness ([Romans 10:1-3](#)).

Are we then turning our noses down at sinners? It is to be understood that some wicked people do not want to change and they bask in their sin, but many of us have a sin problem or an error in our lives that we wish we could change, and we have the ability to come before God with a repentant heart looking for help. On one hand we are expected to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ, but on the other hand we are flaunting our righteousness. Is there a way to keep a balance?

When I am out in public transit, I very rarely if ever see people soul winning. No one goes soul winning. The act of giving the gospel in public or door-to-door makes a man humble to the things of God. Likewise, giving alms in secret to a needy person is a form of humility that God can honor in private. It is not our "good works" that we should be lifting up for approval, it is the gospel that we should be promoting. The more you go soulwinning and fulfill God's great commandment ([Mark 15:16](#)), the more God will bless you with a satisfying humility. Then you wont have to *demand it* from people by proclaiming your good works.

The Legend of Jim Guccione

[Door to Sambucca](#)—The Motion Picture?



Sometime in October of this year I received a call from Authorhouse, the company that published my book *The Door to Sambucca*. They asked me, "Have you ever thought about turning your book into a movie? Its really a spellbinding book." I hardly responded to the flattery thinking he was getting me on a payment that would not amount to anything. So I asked him some questions. After feeling confident that it wasn't just a way for them to get money from me, I agreed to make the payment that would make my book available to Hollywood Producers, and especially to *ThruLine Entertainment*. The result was Authorhouse having a specialist turn my book into a synopsis for the producers to read and make a decision about adapting it to the screen.

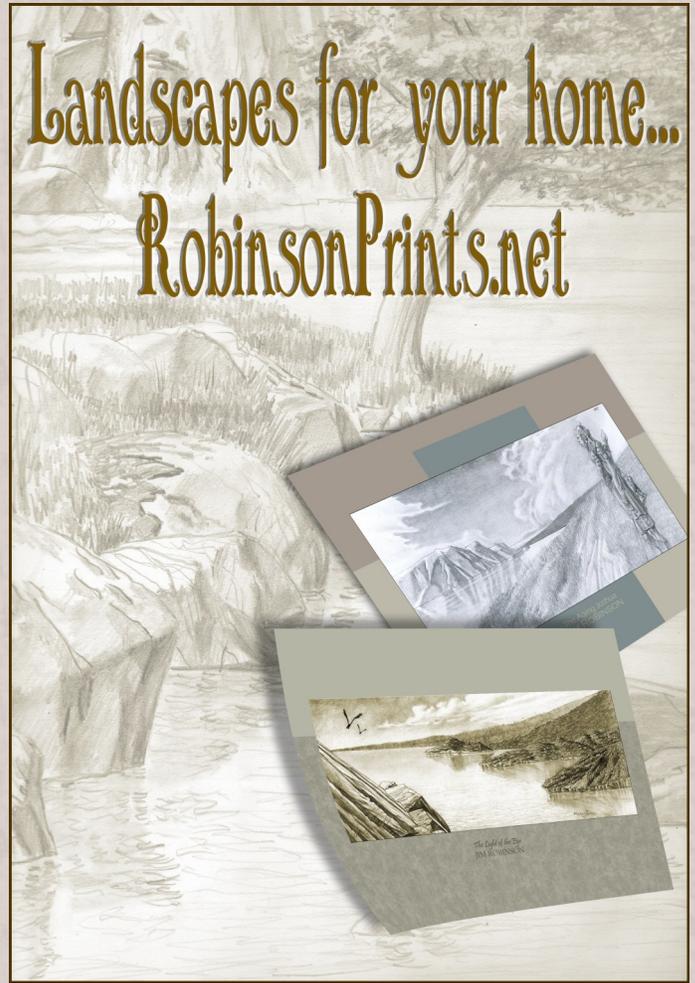
I am expecting a call about the adaptation in late December. It will be a decisive call that will be a yes or no as to whether or not *ThruLine* will accept it, but it does not rule out any other producer taking it on.

The book is in 35 different bookstore chains around the world including [Barnes and Noble](#) for about 10 months now. I plan to embark on an advertising campaign for it sometime in the future.

Nathan, Cover to the Door to Sambucca Novel. Nathan stands in front of the decisive door of his life, here represented by a camera shutter, awaiting something to come out or for his opportunity to go through. The "door to Sambucca" can not take on any single definition in the book.

War Series: *Korean Conflict*

The Korean War, much like the Vietnam War, consisted of a country (the Peninsula of Korea) politically divided into a North and South whereby the North was Communist and the South was Democratic. The United States involvement was to support democracy and we sided with the southern half of the Korean Peninsula. Soviet and Chinese forces sided with the Northern (Communist) half. The Korean Conflict was considered a Proxy War because it combined the military strategies of WW1 and WW2. An in-depth survey of the war and the history of Korea prior to the war can be found in the [Wikipedia account of the Korean War](#).



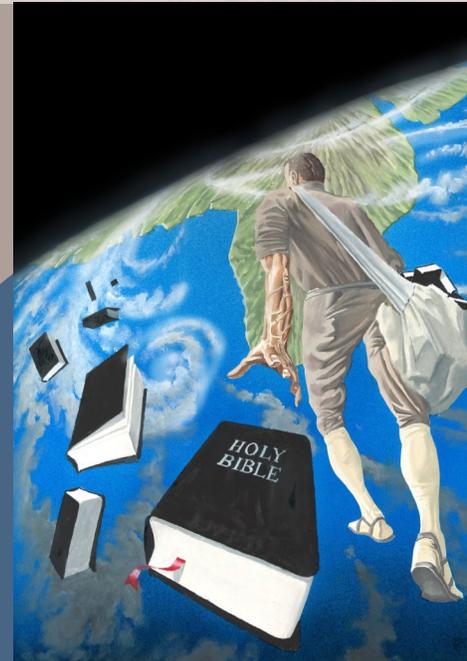
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