

**PILATE'S PLIGHT**  
**John 18:28-19:16**

**INTRODUCTION**

Pilate was in a dilemma, caught between a crazy crowd and an innocent man.

**I. HE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE HATRED OF THE CROWD**

- A. FROM HATRED TO HYSTERIA
- B. HATRED MADE THEM LOSE ALL SENSE OF PROPORTION
- C. HATRED MADE THEM LIE
- D. HATRED MADE THEM DENY EVERY PRINCIPLE THEY HAD

**II. HE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE INNOCENCE OF JESUS**

- A. FIRST, HE ASKED "WHAT IS THE ACCUSATION?" (**JOHN 18:29**)
- B. SECOND, HE ASKED "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?" (**JOHN 18:33**)
- C. THIRD, HE ASKED "SHALL I RELEASE THE KING OF THE JEWS?" (**JOHN 18:39**)
- D. FOURTH, HE ASKED "WHERE ARE YOU FROM?" (**JOHN 19:9**)

**III. FINALLY, HE HAD TO DEAL WITH HIS WEAKNESSES**

**CONCLUSION**

The lesson in this text for us is simple. We are in the same spiritual battle every day of our lives. We must stand up for Jesus!