



**Today's Sermon:**

**Easter**

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**Political And Social Settings**

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## **Easter**

### **A Historical Perspective: Political And Social Setting**

#### **Herod \_\_\_\_\_**

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.  
(Luke 23:8-9, 11)

#### **Pontius \_\_\_\_\_**

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.  
(Luke 23:13-16)

"Why? What crime has he committed? Asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"  
(Matthew 27:23-25)

#### **Sanhedrin**

For he [Pilate] knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed... But they shouted all the louder "Crucify him!"  
(Matthew 27:18, 20, 23)