**The Man Who Killed Jesus:**

 **“Suffered Under Pontius Pilate”** *Isaiah 53*

**I. Historically**

Why single out Pontius Pilate? As the Roman governor of Judea, he alone could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a man to death. His guilt is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because he condemned Jesus even though he knew He was innocent.

\_\_\_\_ mention him?

First, because he \_\_\_ the person who condemned Jesus to die.

Second, to establish a point in \_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the death of Christ.

**II. Spiritually**

The fact that Pilate is the person most responsible for the death of Jesus does not end the discussion. As the gospels make clear, there is plenty of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to go around.

Four times the prophet uses the word “\_\_\_\_.” Our infirmities. Our sorrows. Our transgressions. Our iniquities.

The closer you come to Jesus, the more clearly you see your \_\_\_ sin. Isaiah 53 contains the good news we all need. He was bruised—for us. He was wounded—for us. He was beaten, betrayed, mocked, scourged, crowned with thorns, crucified—all for us. \_\_\_\_ sins drove Jesus to the cross.

But He did not go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If our sins drove Him there, it was His love for us that \_\_\_\_ Him there.

**III. Ultimately**

Who is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ responsible for the death of Jesus Christ? The answer may surprise you. According to the Bible, \_\_\_\_ takes responsibility for the death of his Son.

Behind the evil deeds of evil men stands the Lord God Almighty. He and He \_\_\_\_\_\_ sent Jesus to the cross. Until you understand that fact, the true meaning of the death of Christ will be lost to you.

What happened to our Lord happened by God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. No part of his suffering happened by accident. The death of Jesus was God’s \_\_\_\_.

Does this mean the human players are \_\_\_\_ guilty? Does God’s involvement somehow get them off the hook?

 “Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ***to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done***” (Acts 4:27-28, KJV).

Herod and Pilate are \_\_\_\_\_\_ guilty—but what they did was what God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should be done. Is there a mystery here? Yes there is, but the mystery does not lessen the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that [1] Pilate and Herod and all the rest were truly guilty and through their sin, [2] God’s will regarding Jesus was accomplished.

The Father \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

The Son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

Herod and Pilate (and everyone else involved) were unwitting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the great drama of redemption.

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