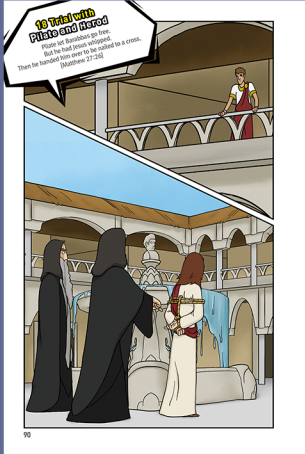




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NAR After Jesus went before Caiaphas the high priest, he was sent to the governor of the region, Pontius Pilate. Early in the morning, the chief priests and elders tied Jesus up and led him away. When they arrived, they said to Pilate...

Chief priests We have found this man to be guilty of misleading our people. He is against paying taxes to Caesar, and he claims to be the Christ, the King of Jews.

NAR Pilate then began to question Jesus himself.

Pontius Pilate Really? I see... So....I hear that you claim to be the....King of the Jews. Well....are you?

Jesus Yes. It is as you say.

Pontius Pilate Hmmm.... That seems a big statement. Don't you know that all of these priests and elders are charging you with lying? They want you dead. You do know that right?

NAR Jesus said nothing. He did not deny anything they said about Him. So Pontius Pilate went back to the chief priests and elders and told them that he found no reason to have Jesus killed. They pressed Pilate even more saying...

Chief priest, Elders His teaching stirs up all of Judea! He started in Galilee, but his fame has come all the way here!

Pontius Pilate Galilee you say? That is in Herod's area of authority. I will send Jesus to him for questioning.

Chief priest, Elders No! just kill him! We want him dead!

NAR Pontius Pilate sent Jesus to Herod who was ruler of Galilee. When Jesus got there, Herod was excited. He had heard of the things Jesus could do, and so wanted to see Jesus perform a miracle. Herod asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus never replied. The chief priests and elders were there and yelled at Jesus and brought charges against him, but Herod and his soldiers just laughed.

Herod You've got to be kidding me! I've heard so much about you, but...I've got to say Jesus...you're really disappointing. You're supposed to be an amazing miracle worker, but you're just an ordinary man. We can change that though. Guards! Come, give Jesus a robe better suited to his fame.

NAR Herod was making fun of Jesus. He had his soldiers dress Jesus in a very fine robe, and they continued to laugh. then Herod sent him back to Pilate.

Herod Send this man away from me! I don't even know why he was brought to me at all.

NAR So Jesus was again sent to Pilate. This time, when Jesus arrived, Pilate saw the robe he was in and laughed. He then said to the chief priests and elders...

Pilate Look. You brought me this man. You said he was turning the people against the authorities. I have questioned him in front of you. I have found no basis for your charges against him. Herod hasn't either. So he sent Jesus back to me. As you can see, Jesus has done nothing that is worthy of death. So I will just have him whipped and let him go.

NAR When the chief priests and elders heard this, they were so angry and yelled out all together.

Chief priest, Elders No! Kill him! He must die! He's a liar!

Pilate All right! All right! Silence! As you know, it is customary during the Passover Feast for the governor to release one prisoner. Who would you rather I release? The prisoner Barabbas who is a murderer, remember, or Jesus who only says he is the King of the Jews?

Chief priest, Elders Not Jesus! Barabbas! We don't want the king of the Jews! Let Barabbas free!

Pilate Silence! Hey, come on...really. You want a murderer set free over a man who says he's your king?

Chief priest, Elders Yes!

Pilate It's just talk! Wow... What do I do with Jesus then?

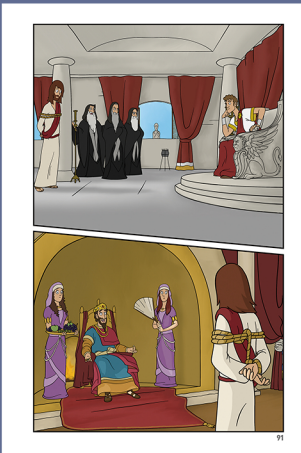
Chief priest, Elders Crucify him!

Pilate Crucify him? Why? I don't think he has done anything wrong. Certainly nothing deserving death, and you want him to die on a cross?

NAR the chief priests and elders were angry and wouldn't change their minds. So, Pilate took a bowl of water and washed his hands in front of them.

Pilate I am not guilty of this man's death. All of you are accountable.

Chief priest, Elders Yes! We and our children will accept all of the punishment!





NAR

So Pontius Pilate let the prisoner Barabbas go free, and had Jesus taken to be whipped and then nailed to a cross.

Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd. So he let Barabbas go free. He ordered that Jesus be whipped. Then he handed him over to be nailed to a cross. Mark 15:15 NIV

