Jesus on Political Trial
Mark 15:1-15

No place for Jesus in 'church & state'

Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

1.
Mark 15:1-15
"Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led [Him] away, and delivered [Him] to Pilate.
Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered and said to him, "[It is as] you say."
And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing.
Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!"
But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marvelled.
Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.
And there was one named Barabbas, [who was] chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.
Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask [him to do] just as he had always done for them.
But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"
For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.
Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do [with Him] whom you call the King of the Jews?"
So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"
Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"
So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged [Him], to be crucified."

2.
Why did they take Jesus to the Roman rulers?

3.
John 18:28-32 — The Romans do something specifically which the Jews don't
"Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.
Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"
They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."
Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,"
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4.
Two Roman Laws:

1 - All proceedings must be public.
2 - A trial was to begin with the accusers presenting formal charges for a crime that had to be punishable under Roman law.

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6.

- "The Talmud *(the body of Jewish civil and ceremonial law)* reveals the exact year the right was revoked: "Forty years before the destruction of the temple, the Sanhedrin were exiled... They did not try capital charges."
- Temple was taken and destroyed in 70 A.D. Titus Vespasian
- 70 minus 40 = A.D. 30

7.

the Jews attempted to stone Jesus previously: Jhn 8:59 ESV So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

8.
Mark 15:2 / John 18:33-38 — the King of what Kingdom?
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9.

Mark 15:3-5 — Silent as a Lamb

10.

Mark 15:6-15 *Gratify the Crowd and Crucify Him!*

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Mark 15:15 & Luke 23:23-25

12.

A Place of the King?