

***Sermon Title:* THE FOXLIKE KING**

Date: March 09, 2025 - Luke 23:1-12

Central Idea: God can weave even human wickedness into His sovereign plan of salvation. Have you seen that in your own experience in the past?

Introduction:

Since the Jews were unable to execute anyone themselves, they needed the Roman governor's help. They would have killed the Lord then, but there was a problem: the Romans had conquered Israel, and because the Jews were under Roman occupation, they could not carry out a death sentence themselves. Only Rome could do that. In the present chapter, we have the full revelation of the characters of those associated with Christ's trial.

I. The First Trial Before Pilate vv. 1-7

1. People addressed Pilate v. 2
2. Pilate questioned Jesus v. 3a
3. Pilate responds v. 4

II. The Trial Before Herod vv. 8-12

1. Herod's amusement v. 8
2. Jesus speaks to Pilate v. 9
3. Attempted verdict v. 10
4. Mockery of Christ v. 11
5. Enemies become friends v. 12

Conclusion:

You can do anything with the truth—even condemn a perfectly innocent man like Jesus. The religious leaders receive a plain statement about who Jesus is. They know the facts from His own mouth, but they deny the truth and condemn an innocent man. We must receive the truth, stand on the truth and never abandon the truth.