

(27) Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crowed.

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(28) Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves did not go into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover.

(29) Pilate then went out to them, and said, What accusation do you bring against this man?

(30) They answered and said to him, If He were not a criminal, we would not have delivered Him up to you.

(31) Then Pilate said to them, You take Him, and judge Him according to your law. The Jews therefore said to him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

(32) That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying what death he should die.

(33) Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said to Him, Are You the King of the Jews?

(34) Jesus answered him, **Do you say this of yourself, or did others tell it to you about Me?**

(35) Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me: what have You done?

(36) Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now My kingdom is not from here.**

(37) Pilate therefore said to Him, Are You a king then? Jesus answered, **You say that I am a king. To this end I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears My voice.**

(38) Pilate said to Him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, I find no fault in Him *at all*.

(39) But you have a custom, that I should release to you one at the Passover: therefore do you want that I release to you the King of the Jews?

(40) Then they all cried again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas {Son of the Father}.<sup>g</sup> Now Barabbas {Son of the Father} was a robber.

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18:40g - Barabbas {βαρ-αββαυ} - Son of the Father - two presented; one a sacrifice for

sin, the other set free – Lev. 16:5-22 - Mat. 27:16; Mk.

15:7; Lk. 23:18

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