

## **Webber Andrew Lloyd**

### **"Trial Before Pilate"**

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Pilate:

And so the king is once again my guest  
And why is this? Was Herod unimpressed?

Caiaphas:

We turn to Rome to sentence Nazareth  
We have no law to put a man to death  
We need him crucified - it's all you have to do  
We need him crucified - it's all you have to do

Pilate:

Talk to me Jesus Christ  
You've been brought here - manacled, beaten  
By your own people - do you have the first idea  
why you deserve it?  
Listen king of the Jews  
Where is your kingdom?  
Look at me - am I a Jew?

Jesus:

I have got no kingdom in this world -  
I'm through, through, through

Mob:

Talk to me Jesus Christ

Jesus:

There may be a kingdom for me somewhere - if I only  
knew

Pilate:

Then you're a king?

Jesus:

That's that you say I am

Pilate:

I look for truth and find that I get damned

Jesus:

But what is truth? Is truth unchanging law?

We both have truths - are mine the same as yours?

Mob:  
Crucify him!

Pilate:  
What do you mean? You'd crucify your king?

Mob:  
We have no king but Caesar!

Pilate:  
He's done no wrong - no not the slightest thing

Mob:  
We have no king but Caesar! Crucify him!

Pilate:  
I see no reason - I find no evil  
This man is harmless so why does he upset you?  
He's just misguided - thinks he's important  
But to keep you vultures happy I shall flog him

Mob:  
Crucify him!

#### THIRTY-NINE LASHES

Pilate:  
Where are you from Jesus? What do you want Jesus?  
Tell me  
You've got to be careful - you could be dead soon -  
could well be  
Why do you not speak when I have your life in my  
hands?  
How can you stay quiet? I don't believe you understand

Jesus:  
You have nothing in your hands  
Any power you have comes to you from far beyond  
Everything is fixed and you can't change it

Pilate:  
You're a fool Jesus Christ - how can I help you?

Mob:  
Pilate! Crucify him!  
Remember Caesar - you have a duty  
To keep the peace so crucify him!  
Remember Caesar - you'll be demoted, you'll be  
deported

Crucify him!

Pilate:

Don't let me stop your great selfdestruction

Die if you want to you misguided martyr

I wash my hands of your demolition

Die if you want to you innocent puppet!

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