

Jesus Christ Superstar Soundtrack

"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 turned 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

(Pilate)

Talk to me, Jesus Christ
You have 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
There may be a kingdom for me
Somewhere if I only knew

(Pilate)

You're a king

(Jesus)

Yes you can see I am
I look for truth
And find that I get damned

(Pilate)

What is truth?
Is truth unchanging law?
We both have truths
Are mine the same as yours?

(Crowd)

Crucify him, crucify him!

(Pilate)

What do you mean
You'd crucify your king?

(Crowd)

We have no king but Caesar

(Pilate)

He's done no wrong
No, not the slightest thing

(Crowd)

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

(Crowd)

Crucify! Crucify!

(Pilate counts off the 39 Lashes)

One! Two! Three! Four! Five! Six! Seven! Eight! Nine!
Ten! Eleven!
Twelve! Thirteen! Fourteen! Fifteen! Sixteen!
Seventeen! Eighteen!
Nineteen! Twenty! Twenty one! Twenty two! Twenty
three! Twenty four!
Twenty five! Twenty six! Twenty seven! Twenty eight!
Twenty nine!
Thirty! Thirty one! Thirty two! Thirty three! Thirty four!
Thirty five!
Thirty six! Thirty seven! Thirty eight! Thirty nine!

(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?

(Crowd)

Crucify him! Crucify him!
Remember Caesar
You have a duty
To keep the peace
So crucify him!
You'll be demoted
You'll be deported
So crucify him!

(Pilate)

Don't let me stop
Your great self-destruction
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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