

# The Easter Trial



*All scripture quotations are taken from the book  
of John chapter 18 and 19.*

In the early morning hours,  
Jesus stood before the  
Roman governor, Pontius  
Pilate.



*"What accusation bring you against this man?" Pilate asked. "If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him," the Jewish leaders replied.*



Pilate pushed back — *"Judge Him by your own law."* But they had already decided His fate. *"We cannot put any man to death,"* they replied.



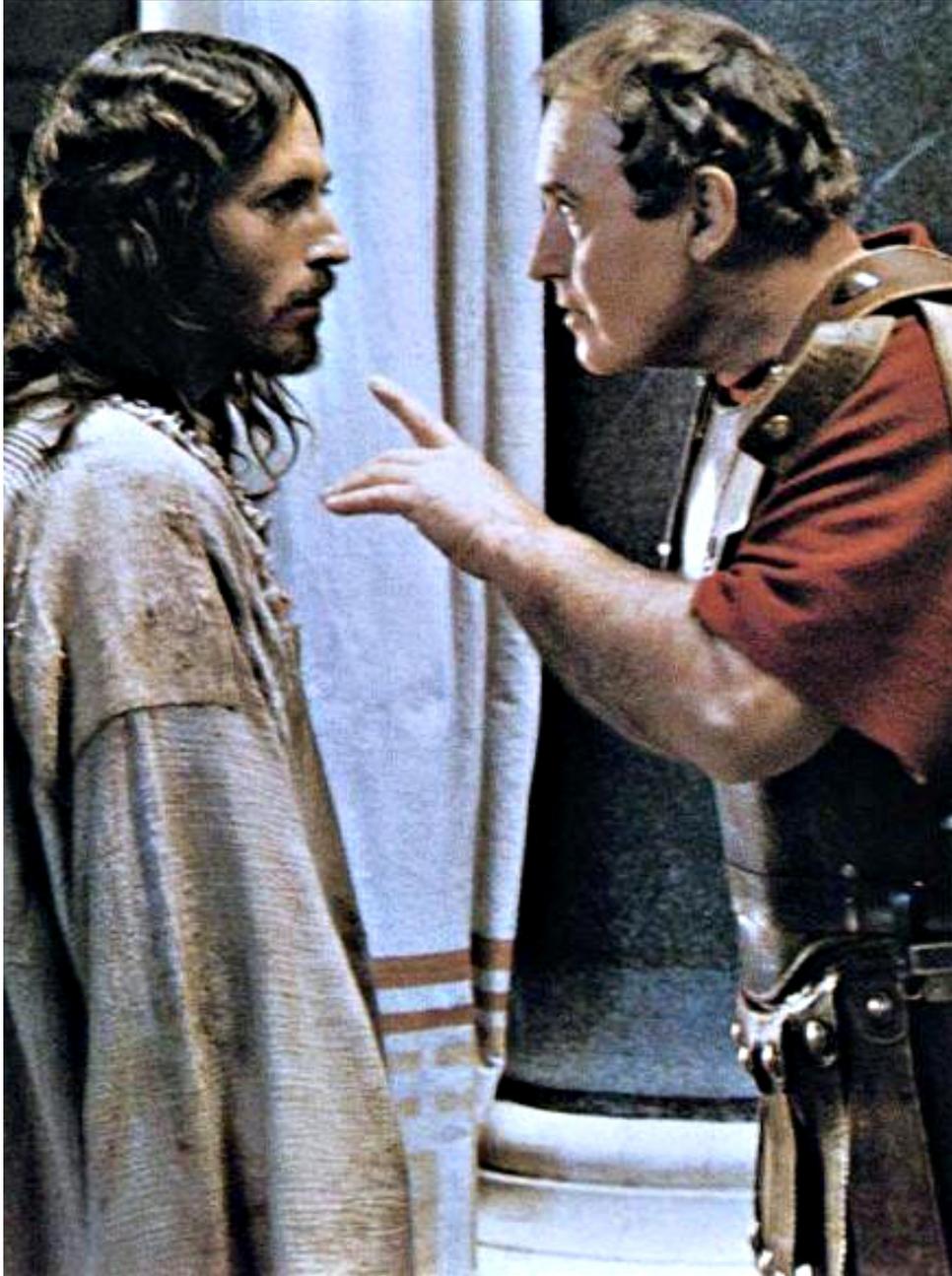
Pilate asked Him directly — *"Are you the King of the Jews?"* Jesus replied — *"My kingdom is not of this world."*



Pilate pressed further — *"So you are a king?"* Jesus answered — *"For this reason I was born — to bear witness to the truth."*

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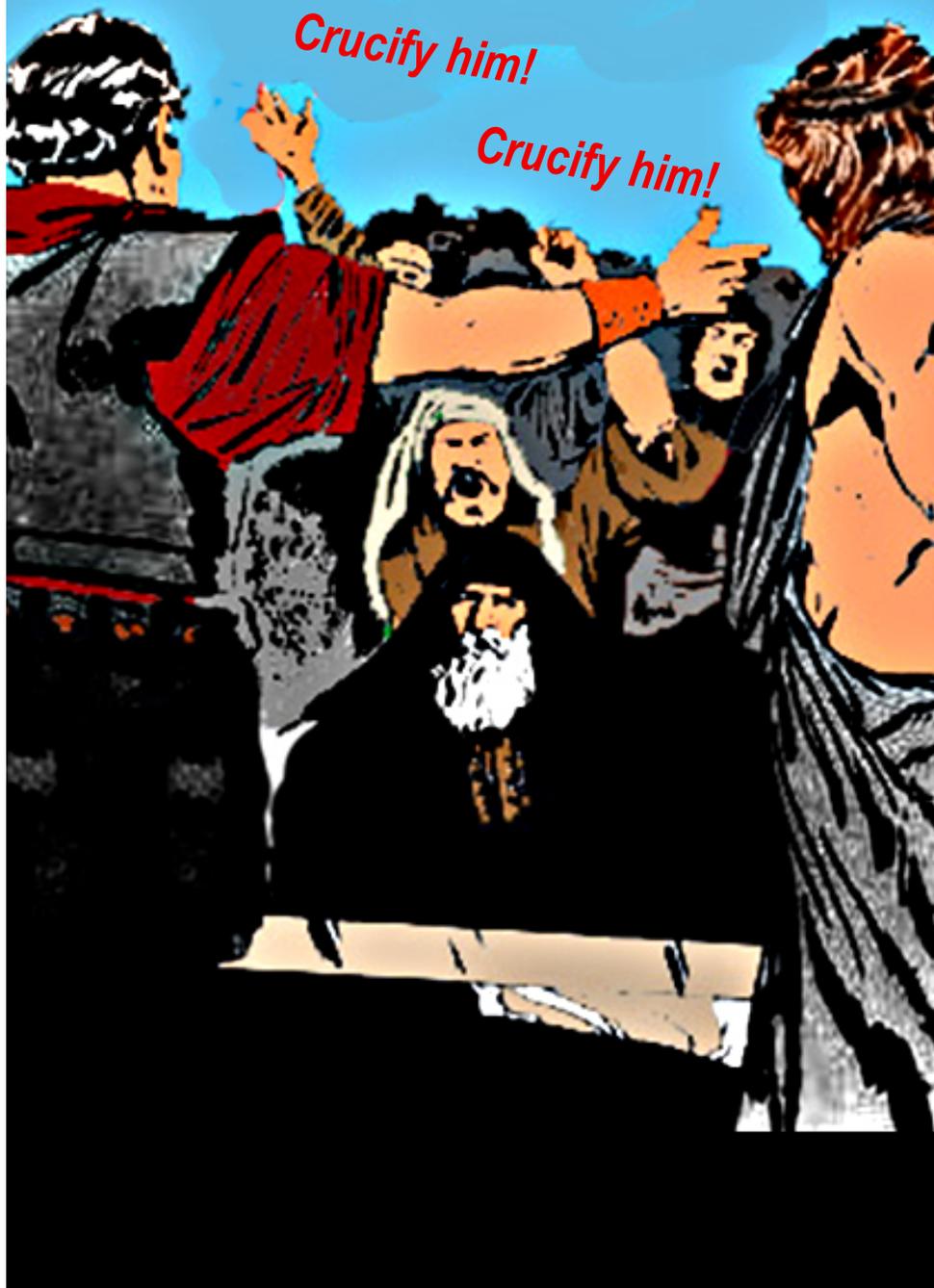
Pilate's haunting response still echoes through history: "*What is truth?*" Pilate then declared that he found no fault in Jesus — none.



But when given the choice to pardon a prisoner, the crowd (bribed by the religious leaders) rejected Jesus ...



... and chose the thief and murderer Barabbas. "*Crucify him!*" they cried, pointing to Jesus.



Three times Pilate declared Him innocent.  
Still, political pressure mounted: *"If thou let  
this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend."*



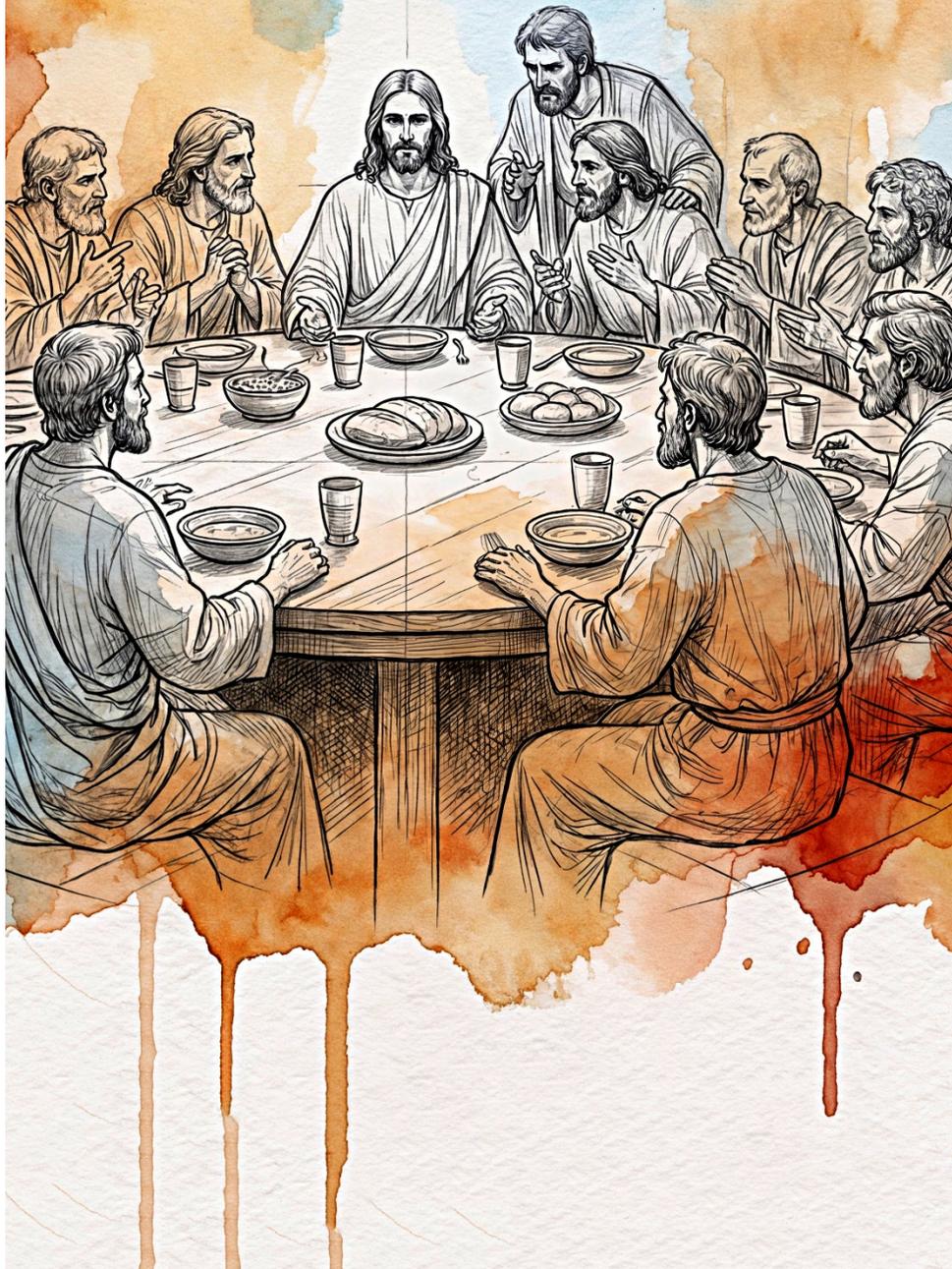
At last, Pilate presented Him to the mob: *"Behold your King!"*  
The answer came back: *"We have no king but Caesar."*

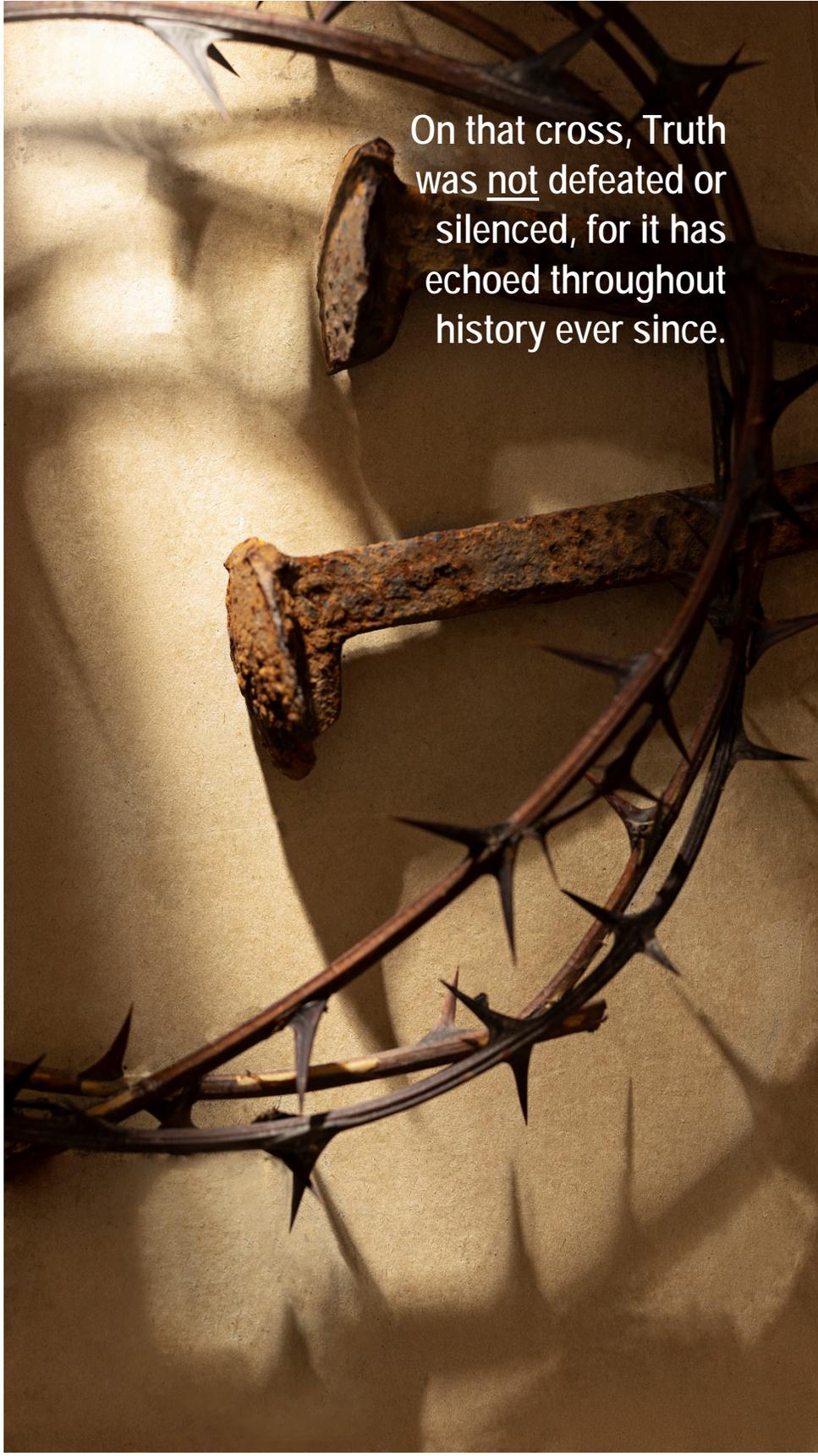


And Jesus was led away to be crucified. But all this was predicted hundreds of years earlier.



The night before, Jesus also prepared His disciples for this event: *"This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*





On that cross, Truth  
was not defeated or  
silenced, for it has  
echoed throughout  
history ever since.

The innocent King laid down His life willingly,  
so that through this sacrifice, mankind could be  
redeemed, fully forgiven, and restored to God.



Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Let Him in by praying the following:

*“Dear Jesus, I believe you died for me. Please forgive all my faults and sins. I invite you to come into my my life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life, and please fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I can change my bad habits. Help me to read and understand your Word, as I desire to know you better and follow you more closely.  
Amen.”*

