

JOHN 19:1-15
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Jesus before Pilate:

John 18:28

THREE PROTESTATIONS TO PERSECUTION – by Pilate
THREE PRESENTATIONS - GOD, MAN, KING– by Pilate

TO THE RULER HE WAS ACCUSED OF BEING A KING
TO THE PEOPLE HE WAS PRESENTED AS A MAN
TO THE GUILTY HE WAS PRESENTED AS INNOCENT (INNOCENT **LK. 23:22** Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let *Him* go."

THE MONARCH VIEW - PILATE'S QUESTION , JESUS ANSWER. (CORRECT VIEW)
THE MORAL TEACHER VIEW - PILATE
THE MAGICIAN VIEW - HEROD - **LK. 23:8**
THE MADMAN VIEW - PILATE - **JOHN 19:8-10**

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: *I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.*

That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would **not** be a great moral teacher. He would either be a **lunatic** — on the level with the man who says he is a **poached egg** — or else he would be the **Devil of Hell**. You must make your choice. **Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher.** He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

C.S. Lewis. [Mere Christianity](#) referenced by Josh McDowell, - "[LORD, LIAR, OR LUNATIC](#)"

Luke 23:3-7 When **Pilate asked** Jesus if He was **the King of the Jews**, He answered that He was. **Pilate** did not interpret His claim as any threat to the Roman Emperor. After a **private interview with Jesus** ([Joh 18:33-38](#) a), he turned **to the chief priests and** to the crowd saying that he could **find no fault** with Him. The mob became more insistent, accusing Jesus of stirring up disloyalty, **beginning** in despised **Galilee** even to Jerusalem. **When Pilate heard** the word **Galilee**, he thought he had found an escape route for himself. Galilee was **Herod's jurisdiction**, and so Pilate tried to avoid any further involvement in this case by turning Jesus over **to Herod**. (this detail is only revealed in Luke)

It so happened that **Herod was visiting in Jerusalem at that very time.**

Herod Antipas was the son of **Herod the Great**, who massacred the infants of **Bethlehem**. It was **Antipas** who murdered **John the Baptist** for condemning his illicit relationship with his brother's wife. This was the Herod whom Jesus called "that fox" in [Luk 13:32](#). BBC