



BIBLE TALK

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Question: Who crucified Christ, Jews or Gentiles?

Answer: A primary scripture that deals with this is: *“Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium, and gathered unto him the whole band, and they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe . . . and when they had mocked Him, they took off from Him the robe, and put on Him his garments, and led him away to crucify Him”* (Matt. 27:27-32). A similar account is recorded in Mark 15:16-20 and Luke 23:13-24 gives additional information of the account.

It seems as if Pilate would have released Jesus when He was brought to him by the Jews, but the Jews would not agree for Him to be released. Their cry was: *“Crucify Him, crucify Him!”* Due to the Jews being under the Roman Government, they could not crucify anyone without governmental consent. The Jews were murderers in heart. On the day of Pentecost, Peter charged the Jewish multitude of crucifying Christ (Accts 2:23). Luke said (24:20) that the chief priests and rulers delivered Him to be crucified. The Jews were guilty of crucifying Christ even though done through the Roman Government. The Roman soldiers did the execution (Jn. 19:23). Judas betrayed Jesus into the hands of the Jews who gave Him a mock trial and would have put Him to death earlier, but were afraid of the Romans. The Jews delivered Him to Pilate who appealed to Herod and returned Him to Pilate, who by the way, found no fault in Him. It was Pilate who wished to release Him, but the Jews clamored against His release. Pilate finally, out of fear himself, turned Him over to the four Roman soldiers who executed His crucifixion.

A parting thought, Heb. 6:6 indicates that if a person has tasted the word of God and the powers of the world to come and fall away, *“they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame.”* Could we also be guilty of having a part in His crucifixion today?

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