

“Do You Follow Your Agenda or God’s Agenda?”

Based on Mark 15:1-5 (NIV)

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Mark 15:1 & 2

1 Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision.

They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

2 "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

† **Pilate was the Roman governor for the area.**

† **The initial charge the Jewish leaders bring to Pilate is that of treason in that Jesus said he was a king.**

Mark 15:3 - The chief priests accused him of many things.

† **In Luke 23:2, the 3 charges the chief priests accused Jesus of to Pilate were:**

(1) Tax Evasion - Encouraging the people not to pay their taxes to Rome.

(2) Treason - Claiming he was a king.

(3) Terrorism - Causing riots all over the countryside.

Mark 15:4-5

4 So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."

5 But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

† **Jesus remained silent because he knew whose agenda was really the important one ... God's.**

† **The time had come for Jesus to give his life to save the world.**

† **God uses others as a part of His agenda for me.**

† **When I focus on what God wants, I need to let God set the agenda and work in God's time.**

† **The religious leaders started with their agenda.
Pilate started with his agenda.
Jesus started with God's agenda.
I start with _____.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† What is my agenda for today? This week?

† What is God's agenda for me today? This week?

† Whose agenda do I focus on - mine or God's?

† How do I try and learn what God's agenda is for me?

† Where is God leading me?

- Am I trying to make God meet my agenda or am I being patient in learning God's agenda for me?