

## Jesus' Innocence

### Luke 22—23

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| 22:52-53  | <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber [ληστής: <i>highwayman</i> ; <i>revolutionary</i> , <i>insurrectionist</i> ], with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me.                                                                                               |                       |
| 23:4      | Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “ <b>I find no guilt in this man.</b> ”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Only in<br>John 18:38 |
| 23:13-14  | <sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, <b>I did not find this man guilty</b> of any of your charges against him.                                                                                                                                               | See<br>John 19:4      |
| 23:15-16  | <sup>15</sup> <b>Neither did Herod</b> , for he sent him back to us. Look, <b>nothing deserving death has been done by him.</b> <sup>16</sup> I will therefore punish and release him.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Unique to<br>Luke     |
| 23:18-22a | <sup>18</sup> But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us <b>Barabbas</b> ” — <sup>19</sup> a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? ...                    |                       |
| 23:22b-25 | ... <b>I have found in him no guilt deserving death.</b> I will therefore punish and release him.” <sup>23</sup> But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. | See<br>John 19:6      |
| 23:39-41  | <sup>39</sup> <b>One of the criminals</b> who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but <b>this man has done nothing wrong.</b> ”                                                            | Unique to<br>Luke     |
| 23:47     | Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “ <b>Certainly this man was innocent!</b> ”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Unique to<br>Luke     |

*Luke has adapted the portrait of Jesus' innocence to mirror David's innocence as he fled from Saul.*

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| 1 Sam. 19:4-5 | <sup>4</sup> And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king sin against his servant David, because <b>he has not sinned against you</b> , and because his deeds have brought good to you. <sup>5</sup> For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the LORD worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. <b>Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?</b> ” |
| 1 Sam. 20:1   | Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came and said before Jonathan, “ <b>What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?</b> ”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1 Sam. 20:32  | Then Jonathan answered Saul his father, “ <b>Why should he be put to death? What has he done?</b> ”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |