



PILATE'S PHILOSOPHY

1. Philosophy is an activity of thought, a way of thinking.
2. Especially important to us as he comes into contact with Jesus.

I. "WHAT IS TRUTH"?

John 18:37-38 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto **the truth**. Every one that is of **the truth** heareth my voice. ³⁸ Pilate saith unto him, **What is truth?**

The truth: "the real facts about something: the things that are true." *Merriam-Webster*

True: "being in accordance with the actual state of affairs."
Merriam-Webster

Pilate believed in relativism as opposed to absolute.

Relativism: The doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and are not absolute. The belief that different things are true for different people or at different times.

Absolute: Complete and total: not limited in any way. Not qualified or diminished in any way.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard **the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with **the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

The definite article “the” limits application; it assumes there is just one of something.

- The first principle in interpreting the Word of God.

2 Peter 1:19-21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

²⁰ **Knowing this first**, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

II. "I FIND NO FAULT IN HIM."

John 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault at all.**

John 19:4-6 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that **ye may know that I find no fault in him.**⁵ Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!⁶ When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for **I find no fault in him.**

Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers **diseases** and **torments**, and those which were possessed with **devils**, and those which were **lunatick**, and those that had the **palsy**; and he healed them.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Romans 7:24 O **wretched man that I am!** who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Romans 3:10 As it is written, **There is none righteous**, no, not one:

Romans 3:23 For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

III. "I WASH MY HANDS."

Matthew 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and **washed his hands** before the multitude, saying, I am **innocent of the blood** of this just person: see ye to it.

The idiom meaning to end all involvement with someone or something.

Matthew 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that **I have betrayed the innocent blood**. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood,**