revelation 1:7

**behold, He is coming with the clouds**, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. so it is to be. amen.

**pontius**

possibly of latin origin: *seaman, of the sea*, or possibly meaning: *bridge* or *fifth*.

a common name in northern italy.

**pilate**

possibly meaning *armed with a javelin*, or possibly meaning *bald*, or possibly meaning *wearing a pileus*, a cap or badge of a manumitted slave, therefore, *a freed slave*.
early mention of pilate

*luke 3:1, 2*

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea...the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

*luke 13:1-5*

Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices, and Jesus said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

the man who crucified Jesus

*john 18:28-29*

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the passover. Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man?”

*john 18:30*

They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you.”

*john 18:31, 32*

So Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death,” to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.
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John 18:33-38

Therefore Pilate entered again into the praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?” Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

**what is truth**

Latin Phrase: Quid est veritas? Meaning: **What is truth?**
Latin Phrase: Est vir qui adest. Meaning: **It is the Man who stands before you.**

Luke 23:4

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this Man.”

**friendship with herod anitpas**

Luke 23:5-12

But they kept on insisting, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee even as far as this place.” When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean, and when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mockimg Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other.
Jesus returned to Pilate

Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “you brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, i have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. no, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. therefore i will punish Him and release Him.”

Matthew 27:15-18
Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted. At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. so when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, “whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” for he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over.

Pilate’s wife’s dream

Matthew 27:19
While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, “have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night i suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.”

Christian traditions & legends

Early Saint Procula
Medieval Saint Claudia
Origen she became a Christian. At least God sent her the dream so that she would be come a Christian.

cornerstone crucifixion
John 19:1-5
Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him, and the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; and they began to come up to Him and say, “hail, King of the Jews!” and to give Him slaps in the face. Pilate came out again and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold, the Man!”

**Behold the Man**

Latin Phrase: Ecce Homo Meaning: Behold the Man!

John 19:6, 7
So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, “Crucify, crucify!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God.”

**Son of God**

John 19:8-12
Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; and he entered into the praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” but Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to Him, “You do not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?” Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason He who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.” As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar.”

John 19:13-16
Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the pavement, but in Hebrew, gabbatha. Now it was the day of preparation for the passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” so they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” the chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar,” so he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.
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John 19:17-22

they took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.” Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘the King of the Jews’; but that He said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

John 19:31-37

Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, “Not a bone of Him shall be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

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John 19:38-42
after these things joseph of arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the jews, asked pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and pilate granted permission. so he came and took away His body. nicodemus, who had first come to him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. so they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the jews. now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. therefore because of the jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Matthew 27:62-66
now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the pharisees gathered together with pilate, and said, “sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘after three days I am to rise again.’ therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.” pilate said to them, “you have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.” and they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

the end of pilate
pilate josephus, antiquities of the jews xviii.4.1.2—a massacre of samaritan worshipers on mt. gerizim in 36 a.d. led to caesar’s recall of pilate.

he was banished to gaul. there, according to tradition, he committed suicide.