



# LUKE



23:6 - 12

# JESUS ARREST, TRIAL, EXECUTION AND BURIAL

*Luke 22:25 – 23:25, especially 23:5 – 12 (Jesus with Herod)*

All the gospel writers spent considerable time on the events of Jesus trial.

Why?

Because all people have to see that Jesus is never the one on trial by human hands – we are.

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**We already know** this from earlier in Luke's gospel, when Mary and Joseph took Jesus into the temple to have him dedicated:

**Luke 2:34 – 35**

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

# Gethsemane



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**FROM ARREST → TRIAL → EXECUTION → BURIAL:  
JESUS IS NOT THE ONE ON TRIAL – EVERYONE ELSE IS.**

Examples throughout the passage:

Judas – greed and then despair

Peter – violence and then cowardice

Other disciples – run and then hide

Priests/Caiaphas in Annas – not interested in the truth

Guards – no heart for virtue, just cruelty

Herod – insincerity

Observers – mob mentality

Other criminals – anger and hatred, no differentiation

Women – devotion

Joseph of Arimathea – boldness and honor

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# 2 TESTS FOR OUR HEARTS NOW

1. By how we respond to the inconsistencies in the testimonies.

2. By how we relate to the content of the accounts.



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# AN INCONSISTENCY

Luke 23:11 Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

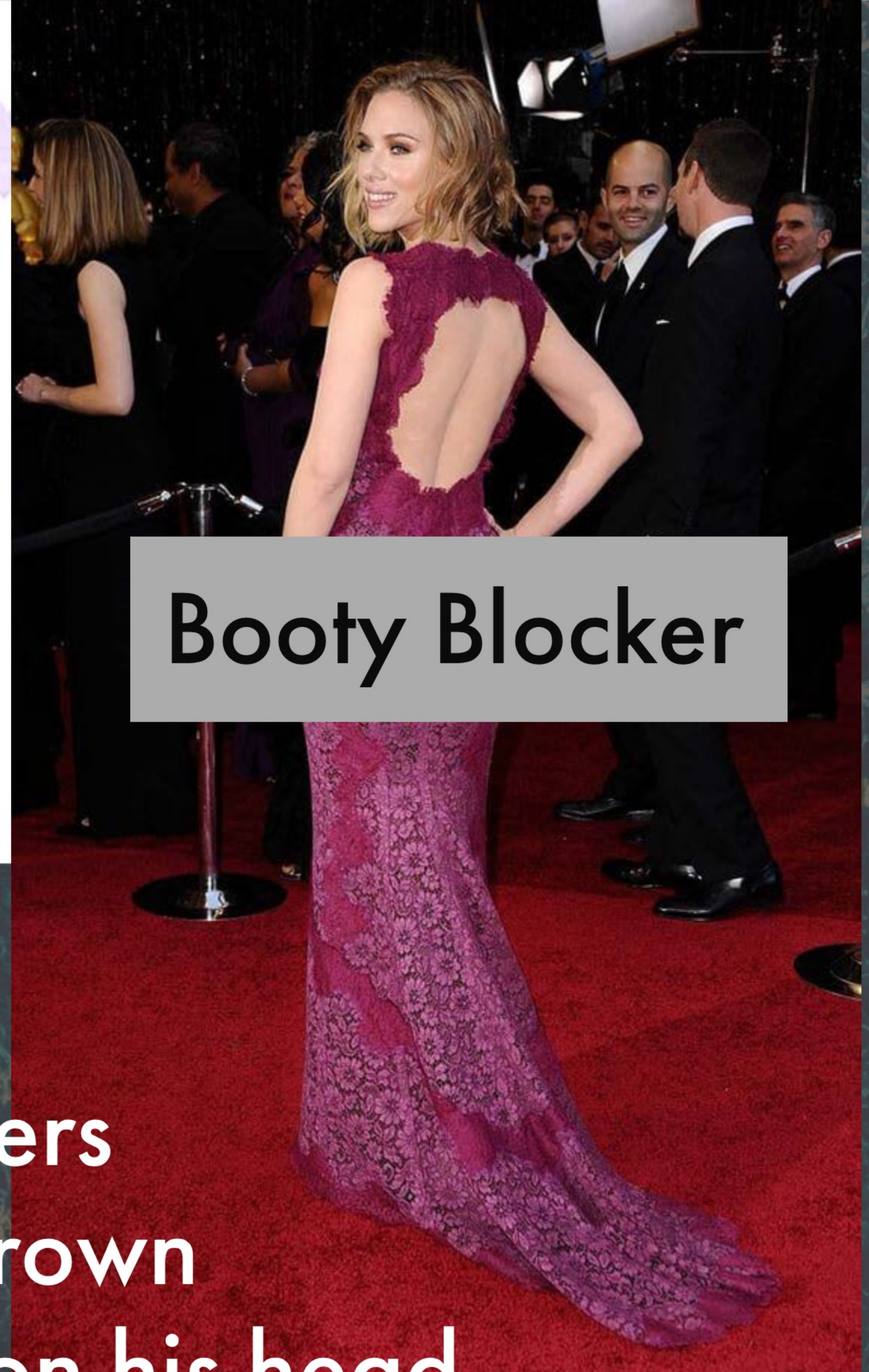
Matthew 27:28-29 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head.

Mark 15:17 They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.

John 19:2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe.

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Luke 23:11  
"radiant" "splendor"



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# ON TRIAL:

- What was your emotional response when I first told you about the inconsistency?
- What was your reaction – your immediate emotion?
- Was it cynical? Arrogant? Was it insecure and fearful? Was it genuinely pious and curious?
- What did it reveal about you? That's what you need to pay attention to.

## 2. OUR HEARTS ARE REVEALED IN HOW WE RELATE TO THE CONTENT OF THE ACCOUNTS

*There are 5 revelations about Herod in these verses*

# 1. WE REALLY BELIEVE GOD SHOULD DO WHAT WE WANT AND PROVE HIMSELF TO US.

Luke 23:8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle.

## 2. WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT GOD SHOULD ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS

Luke 23:9 He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer.

# 3. SO WE OPEN OUR EARS TO HIS SLANDERERS

Luke 23:10 The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.



# 4. WE BECOME MOCKERS: WE GIVE OURSELVES TO OUTRIGHT WICKEDNESS, LIES AND VIOLENCE

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# 5. WE SOLIDIFY OUR WICKEDNESS BY BONDING OVER IT AND CALLING IT “FRIENDSHIP”

Luke 23:12 That day Herod and Pilate became friends - before this they had been enemies.

# APPLICATIONS

The person still seeking to try and test Jesus gets and learns nothing from him.

Where there is no humility there is no piety “believing humility” – and where there is no piety – there is no real curiosity. We cannot learn from God.

We cannot really become Jesus disciple, until Jesus really becomes the teacher – and he is not the teacher until we quit trying him and start listening to him.

# APPLICATIONS

Once this change comes – God does speak and show himself. You will see what you could not see before and hear what you would have refused.

Piety will change the frame of your soul – to the right kind of firmness in the right kind of openness. It will cause you to burn with curiosity, rather than complaint.

# APPLICATIONS

Everything about him will start to seem incredibly relevant to your situation. What you used to think was trite or “out of touch” advice – will seem wise and deep and true and noble.

You will really begin to open yourself to love the mind of Christ, the growth of powerful virtue and the steps of the spirit.

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