**The Trial of Jesus**

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| SEGMENT 1 | |
| **Team A** | **Team B** |
| In the first light of dawn, Jesus' enemies tied him up and paraded him to Pilate, the Roman governor. |  |
|  | Jesus was placed before the governor, who questioned him... |
| *Are you the 'King of the Jews'?* | |
| Jesus said... | *If you say so.* |
| But when his enemies accused him, he said... | Nothing! |
| Pilate asked him... |  |
| *Do you hear what they're saying about you? Well? Aren't you going to say something?* | |
|  | Jesus kept silent - not a word from his mouth. The governor was impressed, really impressed. |

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| SEGMENT 2 | |
| **Team A** | **Team B** |
| During the feast, it was an old custom for the governor to pardon a single prisoner chosen by the crowd. |  |
|  | At the time, they had the notorious Barabbas in prison. |
| With the crowd before him, Pilate said... |  |
| *Which prisoner do you want me to pardon: Barabbas or Jesus the so-called Christ?* | |
|  | He knew that they had turned Jesus over to him through sheer spite. |

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| SEGMENT 3 | |
| **Team A** | **Team B** |
| Meanwhile, the high priests and religious leaders had been telling the crowd what to say. The governor asked... |  |
| *Which of the two do you want me to pardon?* | |
| *Barabbas!* | *Barabbas!* |
| Pilate then said... |  |
| *Then what do I do with Jesus, the so-called Christ?* | |
| *Nail him to a cross!* | *Nail him to a cross!* |
| Pilate then said... |  |
| *But for what crime?* | |
| **Nail him to a cross!** | ***Nail him to a cross!*** |
| Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, and that a riot was about to break out. |  |
|  | So, he took a basin of water, and washed his hands in full sight of the crowd, saying... |
| *I'm washing my hands of responsibility for this man's death. From now on, it's in your hands. You're the judge and jury, not me.* | |
|  | Then he pardoned Barabbas, and set the murderer free. |
| But he had Jesus whipped, and then handed over for crucifixion. |  |

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