

- Jesus had committed Himself to being obedient even to death on the cross.
- It was a voluntary self-sacrifice.

- This fulfilled Jesus' prediction in John 13:38.

- Peter heard the rooster crow everyday for the rest of his life.

- Why would he have been afraid?
- Pilate was in a predicament.

1. He compromised his position as Rome's representative by considering freeing a convicted insurrectionist.
2. He had displeased the Jewish rulers by failing to find Jesus guilty.
3. He had alienated many Jewish people by abusing and ridiculing one of their heroes, Jesus.

- Pilate sits in judgement on the person who will one day judge everyone, including him.

Think about this:

- Jesus was slapped by Annas.
- Spat on and beaten before Caiaphas and the council (Matt 26:67)
- Pilate had Him scourged.
- The soldiers smote Him and before they led Him to Calvary they mocked Him and beat Him with a rod.
- AND THEN, he had to bear His own cross.

Calvary is the transliteration of the

Latin Calvaria

which means the place of the skull.

- Aramaic was spoken by the Jews.
- Latin was the official language of the Romans.
- Greek was the common language of the Greek Empire founded by Alexander the Great of which Israel was a part.
- Most everyone spoke Greek also

- Pilate had unconsciously become
God's herald of His redemptive purposes.

- Hyssop was used
to sprinkle the blood on the doorpost
before the Exodus.

- Greek tetelestai = paid in full

- DO NOT BE DRIVEN TO DESPAIR, WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG.

Pope John Paul II

- Remember:

IT'S FRIDAY BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!