Pontius Pilate

Who Was Pontius Pilate?

- Pilate - His name means “Armed with a javelin” (Latin)
- Believed to have come from Seville, one of the cities of Baetic Spain
- Married to Claudia, youngest daughter of Julia, the daughter of Tiberias Caesar
- 6th Procurator of Judea, ruled for ten years.
  - Was appointed by his father-in-law the emperor.
  - Assumed the office in 26 A.D.
  - Had some 3,000 troops at his disposal.
- Ruled in constant conflict with the Jews
  - Placed Roman standards (flags) in Jerusalem.
  - Used funds from the Temple treasury to build aqueduct in Jerusalem. (Several Jews were killed)
  - Hanging in Herod’s palace were some of the gilt shields dedicated to Tiberias
- Known for his brutality in dealing with opposition.

“And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him to Pilate.”
Luke 23:1