

Summary

Pilate in History and Theology of the Gospels, Jan Hon

The Apostles' Creed or simply „Creed“ says: „suffered under Pontius Pilate“. Such formulation can be interpreted once as timestamp – he suffered in the time of Pontius Pilate. In Czech, but also in Latin it also sounds, that he suffered by his endeavour and by his will. The creed does not mention the high priest Caiaphas, the council (Sanhedrin) or the betrayal. Some people, Christians or non-Christians think the formulation could appear more like a time stamp because the Jewish authorities of his time are responsible and guilty for Jesus' passion. Such confidence is based on the Gospel narrative that presents Jesus' trial as showing a picture of a compassionate Pilate who efforts to rescue Jesus. It only blames the high priests, the scribes and the council for Jesus' crucifixion. It is known, that such picture of the trial at the Roman governor as well as at council does comply with the reality known from non-biblical sources. This composition gives a short overview of this. It also shows, that Pilate's guilt can be proven purely from the biblical text. Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate and the phrase „suffered under“ should be understood in full extend of meanings.