

# Matthew 27:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

## Analysis

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**Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?** (οὐκ ἀκούεις πόσα σου καταμαρτυροῦσιν;)—Pilate's astonishment at Jesus's silence shows he expected defense. The Greek katamartyreo (testify against) indicates formal witness testimony, multiple accusations demanding response.

Yet Jesus needed no defense. He came precisely to die (Mark 10:45). Every human court is subordinate to God's eternal court, where Christ now sits as Judge (Acts 17:31). The accused would become the Judge; Pilate would face Him.

## Historical Context

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Roman trials required witnesses, though standards were lower for non-citizens. A governor's cognitio extra ordinem (extraordinary investigation) gave Pilate discretion to evaluate testimony and render verdict without jury constraints.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does knowing that Jesus will one day judge all humanity (including Pilate) change your perspective on current injustices?
2. What would it look like to have Jesus's confidence in God's plan when facing overwhelming opposition?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>Then</b>	<b>said</b>	<b>unto him</b>		<b>Pilate</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>Hearest thou</b>
G5119	G3004	G846		G4091	G3756	G191

πόσα σου καταμαρτυροῦσιν  
**how many things**    **thee**    **they witness against**

G4214                    G4675                    G2649

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 26:62** (Witness): And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

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