

Administrating

How many legionnaires would have been killed
Had Pilate not released Barabbas? Scores?
A minyan? None? The urgent mandate was,
Look to it Palestine does not revolt.
And, not till Titus, did it. Faced with zeal
Astride an ass and credence waving palms,
Authority will drive its nails, add thieves
To render trivial the grievances,
Be more than ever thankful for the salver.
Centered in the center of the world,
Jerusalem whose navel is its view,
Upon a cross two others parallel,
Sedition distances itself from theft
Or promises it place in Paradise.
As if to whitewash washing of the hands,
Or pose in his own person "What is truth?"
The Procurator will go back to Rome.
Rome's judgments can, like any, be reversed--
If legionnaires are not the jury pool.