

PILATE'S CASTLE NUS

In Nus, the Castle of Pilate is a fortified house with a quadrangular plan, thick walls and rough workmanship, Roman coins and medals were found among its ruins towards the middle of the last century.

The building, now set within the hamlet, once stood at the western end of the village, along the main thoroughfare that ran through the settlement.

Legend has it that a Roman patrician hosted the governor of Palestine there, who had washed his hands of Christ's blood, allowing the Jews to crucify him. According to tradition, sometime after the Saviour's death, Emperor Caligula, ordered Pontius Pilate to go into exile to Vienne. On the transfer journey he stopped in Nus, before setting out, towards the Colonne-Joux pass, along the road to Gaul.

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