John Lesson 47

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INTRODUCTION

- Would you have participated in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ?
- There are many who say that they would not, and yet they demonstrate some of the same attitudes as those who were involved in this, the most unjust crime ever perpetrated in the course of human history.

1 Pilate Found No Fault, Yet Scourged Him

John 19:1–5; John 18:38

- Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put it on his head.
- Pilate, of course, as he viewed Jesus, could find really no fault in him. Three different times he said, I find in him no fault at all.
- Pilate tried to avoid making a judgment but also trying to appease the Jewish rulers who brought Jesus to him.
- Evidently he then thought that what he could do to appease their wrath would be to scourge Jesus.

2 He Made Himself the Son of God

John 19:6–11; John 5:17–18; John 10:30–33

- The Jews answered him, We have a law. And by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.
- Now that's one charge Jesus never denied. It was a true charge. Jesus had made himself the Son of God.
- It seems that silence really spoke louder than words at this point in time.
- These Jews who were his enemies, said that's the claim he made. And it was a true claim.

3 He That Delivered Me Hath the Greater Sin

John 19:11; Matthew 11:20–24

- In other words, the only authority you have, Pilate, is that which has been delegated to you.
- Pilate was guilty, and he had sinned, but not as the Jewish leaders. And that says something about those who have responsibility.
- You and I have opportunity to hear the word and to believe it and to obey it. And if we reject it, then we have great responsibility come judgment day.
- You have a responsibility to obey as you understand the word of God.

4 We Have No King but Caesar

John 19:12–16; Mark 15:25

- If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.
- When you see that Mark was really going by Jewish time and John was going by Roman time, there's no contradiction whatever.
- Which really, they had rejected Jesus as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

5 Attitudes Involved in the Crucifixion of Christ

Matthew 12:30

- There are those who say they wouldn't participate had they been there, but really by attitudes, they show some of the same concepts and attitudes.
- They were so prejudiced in heart that it did not matter what Jesus said or what he did.
- Judas was a man who walked with Christ closely, and yet he betrayed him with a kiss. That's the hypocrite.
- The good thing about Peter is that when he came to himself, he went out and wept bitterly.
- I see Pilate as one who had an attitude of indifference. He tried to avoid making any decision.

6 They Crucified Him Between Two Thieves

John 19:17–18

- He bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha.
- Between two thieves they hung him, as though he were the greatest of the three, the greatest criminal of the three. Jesus had done no wrong.
- He died voluntarily. He gave himself willingly because he loved you and me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you accepted him? Won't you believe and obey him?**

MY NOTES