

Kingdom Reclaimed
Matthew 27:1-26
Study Guide

Big Idea- You Can't Get Rid of Jesus.

1. Sin and Religion Destroy People

a. Read Matthew 27:1-5. What happened to Judas? Discuss the concept that sin destroys people if they don't take it to Jesus. According to 2 Cor. 7:10, there is a difference between worldly grieving over sin and godly grief:

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."

How did Judas display worldly grief, but not godly grief? What can we learn about true repentance?

b. Read Matthew. 27:6-10.

Notice how religion destroys people. Here the chief priests are in the process of killing Jesus, and yet they are concerned with obeying laws. What is wrong with trying to obey laws without Jesus? Do you know people like this? How can it leave people heartless and stone-cold? Discuss.

2. Jesus Amazes People.

Read Matthew 27:11-14.

Notice that Pilate was amazed! A King who has no fear, and no need to defend Himself. Share with your group the first time you were amazed at the person of Christ. List several things that amaze you about Jesus.

3. What Shall I Do with Jesus?

Read Matthew 27:15-26.

Notice that the chief Priests, Judas, the crowd, Pilate, his wife and Barabbas all had their excuses why they would not bow to King Jesus. What excuses do people you know make, for not bowing to King Jesus? Why is it impossible for people to get rid of Jesus? Discuss.

Application

Discuss your outreach "temperature". When it comes to praying and reaching out to lost people, are you discouraged or apathetic or is your boldness and impact increasing? What would be a next step for you when you consider that people can't get rid of Jesus?

Message Slides

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I. Sin Destroys People (v.1-5)

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

2 Cor. 7:10

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II. Religion Destroys People (v.6-10)

⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

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III. Jesus Amazes People (v.11-14)

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the **King of the Jews?**" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, **he gave no answer.** ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was **greatly amazed.**

Col. 1:15-16

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

IV. What Shall I Do with Jesus? (v.15-23)

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

IV. What Shall I Do with Jesus? (v.15-23 cont.)

¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, **his wife** sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for **Barabbas** and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “**Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?**” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

V. The Blood (v.24-26)

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.”²⁵ And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

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