

# Sermon Notes – June 23, 2019

## Review

- ⇒ Last week we looked at “God’s answer for true guilt & deep regret.” We saw Judas as an example of a person who experienced guilt & regret *without* heart repentance, and we saw Peter as one with guilt & regret who walked the painful but cleansing road of true repentance.
- ⇒ We saw last week that even today, God’s answer for OUR true guilt & deep regret is the gospel of Jesus. Our hearts tend toward acts of penance (trying to make up for our failures) or making well-intentioned promises – actions doomed to fail. How gracious of God to send Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer!

## Today’s Text: Matthew 27:11-66

The hour has come! The hour was foretold by ancient prophecies, ordained before the worlds began. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinful people, now to face an unjust trial before a crooked tribunal. Within hours He is condemned, sentenced to death, and suspended on a Roman cross – an implement of inhumane torture. His awful death was NOT purposeless! To understand the cross, we must understand WHY.

## “God So Loved the World that He Gave His Only Son”

READ 27:11-31

- ⇒ Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ before His accusers (Isaiah 53:7). A notorious criminal (perhaps a Jewish patriot) is released, and in a cruel miscarriage of justice, the Innocent One is condemned.
- ⇒ Pilate the governor is a politically \_\_\_\_\_ leader facing a tough assignment. Now he is trying to navigate between the demands of the religious leaders, his obligation to maintain \_\_\_\_\_, and his spiritually sensitive wife. It is easier to wash his hands of it than to do what is right. Notice how Pilate is manipulated in John 19:12-16.
- ⇒ Verses 27-31 appear to be a “chiasm” – a poetically arranged paragraph with mocking, false worship at the center. A “whole battalion” could be as many as 600 men.

The Lamb Takes Away the Sin of the World  
Matthew 27:11-66 Pastor Jay Mosser

## “That God May Be Just & the Justifier..”

READ 27:32-66

- ⇒ Jesus is so weakened by the scourging & blood loss that He is unable to carry His cross; Simon of Cyrene, a city in North Africa, is pressed into service. Mark mentions Simon’s \_\_\_\_\_, thus suggesting that the family comes to faith in Christ. The mocking continues as Jesus hangs on the cross.
- ⇒ Then the \_\_\_\_\_, a symbol of judgment! While onlookers sought to be entertained (49), Jesus is forsaken as “*He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree...*” (II Peter 2:24). “*God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God*” (II Cor. 5:21). And Jesus cries out again with a loud voice and yields up His spirit.
- ⇒ Charles Wesley rightly wrote of this moment: “’Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design?”
- ⇒ So why is this happening? Paul explains in **Romans 3:21-26** that in the cross of Jesus, God exacted \_\_\_\_\_ for sin – He is indeed JUST – thus He is able to \_\_\_\_\_ those who trust Jesus and thus belong to Him.
- ⇒ FOUR additional comments:
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple was torn in two!
  - Some saints were resurrected! Any questions? Yes. Lots!
  - Jesus’ disciples knew exactly where He was buried.
  - “As \_\_\_\_\_ as you can”? (Guess what? “*It was not \_\_\_\_\_ for Him to be held [by death]*” – Peter in Acts 2:24)

## Response to God’s Word

- ⇒ READ again Isaiah 52:13-53:12 and be in awe!
- ⇒ Believe! Trust Christ as your Savior! And once you do, rejoice in your salvation!

Next Sunday: June 30, 2019

“All Nations, All Authority, All Allegiance”

Matthew 28:1-20; Matt Richey

**Answer Key:** ▪ silent ▪ vulnerable ▪ civil peace ▪ kids ▪ darkness ▪ full payment ▪ declare righteous ▪ curtain ▪ secure ▪ possible