LIVE OFK CHURCH

People At The Cross

October 12, 2025

Matthew 27:11-18; Mark 15:16-20; Luke 22:32-43; John 19:23-26

At Its Very Core Human Nature Has Not Changed

- I. Today many are blind to the things of God
 - A. To His marvelous creation
 - B. To His amazing Word
 - C. To the sacrifice of His Son
- II. Many never think of the moment they step into eternity
 - A. The saved into an eternal joy
 - B. The lost into an eternal horror one can not begin to comprehend
- III. The Pilate question "What shall I do with Jesus?"
 - A. What they did that day they do today
- IV. The contrasts of those at the Cross
 - A. Pilate was behind the scenes
 - 7 times he declared the innocence of Jesus
 - 2. But when it seemed Pilate would set Jesus free

- 3. The religious leaders declared "You are no friend of Caesar if you let Him go"
- 4. Pilate could lose his power, perks, & position
- 5. For years he struggled, many believed he eventually took his life

B. Barabbas

- 1. A condemned terrorist
- 2. Scheduled to die with 2 others
- 3. Barabbas was spared
- 4. Because Jesus took his place
- 5. When Barabbas looked at the Cross, he knew 3 things
- That Cross was meant for him Jesus took his place He was set free

C. The soldiers

- 1. Brutal killing machines
- 2. Hardened by death
- 3. Amused by mocking Jesus
- 4. The Centurion who believed
- 5. He connected the "dots"
- 6. He saw Jesus had not resisted
- 7. Jesus prayed for those killing Him
- 8. He told a thief he would be in Paradise
- 9. He cried out to His Father

 And now it all came together "Truly this was the Son of God"

[Which of these describes you?]

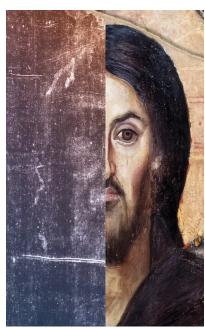
- D. Luke records 2 criminals
 - 1. One on the right, one on the left
 - 2. Rulers sneered, soldiers mocked
 - But the terrorists being crucified screamed
 - 4. One yelled "Save yourself and us"
 - 5. But the other asked a question
 - 6. "Do you not fear God?"
 - 7. Since you are under the same sentence of condemnation
 - 8. We are suffering justly, but He has done nothing wrong
 - Remember me when you come into your Kingdom
 - 10. Jesus Today you will be with me in Paradise

[These 2 represent all of humanity - the lost & the saved]

- E. Soldiers mocked & gambled during the most pivotal moment in history
 - 1. Gambling at the foot of the Cross
 - 2. John & Mary
 - Tears in their eyes, love in their heart,
 & grief in their soul

- V. Lamentations 1:12 "Is it nothing to all you who pass this way? Look and see if there is any pain like my pain."
 - A. The story Father Son

Do You Not Care My Son Died For You?



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