

LIVE OAK 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
 - 1. 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
 - 6. 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

10. 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
3. 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
9. 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
3. 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?



The Shroud of Turin Exhibit
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