

Outline – March 14, 2021  
Mark 15:27-47  
The People At The Cross

**Were You There When They Crucified The Lord?**

- I. **The unique – prophetic setting for the crucifixion**
  - A. A unique nation
  - B. A unique form of execution
  - C. A unique season (Passover)
  - D. A unique death
  - E. A unique time
  - F. Some unique players, people
  - G. Some unique responses
- II. **The players and people**
  - A. The enemies of Jesus
    - 1. The religious elite
    - 2. The Pharisees
    - 3. Their problem
    - 4. Not willing to follow the evidence
    - 5. Not willing to examine or test
    - 6. More concerned about their tradition, religion, and power
    - 7. They wanted to kill the one who raised the dead
  - B. The ignorant
    - 1. Pilate
    - 2. He was tired, in the middle, and afraid
    - 3. He asked questions
    - 4. He received counsel from his wife
    - 5. He tried to wash his hands of Jesus
    - 6. He tried to convince the Jewish leaders
    - 7. He knew what was right, but didn't do it
    - 8. Feared the crowd, the anger, the boss, not being popular
    - 9. Couldn't stop washing – his hands took his life
    - 10. Oh, so close
  - C. Barabbas
    - 1. The other terrorist
    - 2. His cross was to be the middle one
    - 3. He was guilty
    - 4. He was condemned
    - 5. His only hope was for Jesus to take his place
    - 6. Once he was set free, he embraced his freedom
    - 7. Did he believe in Jesus for eternal life or for that moment's blessing?

- D. The soldiers
  - 1. Cynical
  - 2. Hardened
  - 3. Had a job to do
  - 4. Never thought "what if"
  - 5. Never thought of mortality
  - 6. All they cared about was stuff
  - 7. Oh so close, yet so far
- E. The friends and followers
  - 1. Peter
    - a. Denied Him 3 times
    - b. Peter's denial and ours
  - 2. Judas
    - a. Betrayal
    - b. Sold Him out
    - c. Thought he knew better
  - 3. Thomas – doubter
  - 4. The other disciples
  - 5. John
  - 6. The women who followed
- F. The condemned
  - 1. Judas
    - a. Heard the words
    - b. Had a place
    - c. Never believed
    - d. Sold Him out
  - 2. A terrorist who only thought of the moment. Oh, so close.
- G. The saved
  - 1. A thief/terrorist
  - 2. From cursing to believing
  - 3. Saw love, a gift, a sacrifice, a person who cared

### III. You were there

- A. You can try to rid yourself like Pilate
- B. You can deny like Peter
- C. You can curse like a terrorist
- D. Jesus is still there

**If You Believe, You Will Hear The Words  
"Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"**