

# Who Killed Jesus



Good Friday 2022





**THE MAIN EVENT**



**THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST, THIS UNVEILING OF MAN'S REBELLION AND OF GOD'S WRATH, YET ALSO HIS MERCY, DID NOT TAKE PLACE IN HEAVEN, OR ON SOME REMOTE PLANET, OR EVEN IN SOME WORLD OF IDEAS; IT TOOK PLACE IN OUR TIME, IN THE CENTER OF THE WORLD-HISTORY IN WHICH OUR HUMAN LIFE IS PLAYED OUT.**

**SO WE MUST NOT TAKE FLIGHT TO A BETTER LAND, NOR TO SOME HEIGHT OR OTHER UNKNOWN, NOR TO ANY SPIRITUAL CLOUD-COOKOOLAND, NOR TO A CHRISTIAN FAIRYLAND. GOD HAS COME INTO OUR LIFE IN ITS UTTER UNLOVELINESS AND FRIGHTFULNESS. THAT THE WORD BECAME FLESH ALSO MEANS THAT IT BECAME TEMPORAL, HISTORICAL.**



**IT ASSUMED THE FORM WHICH BELONGS TO THE HUMAN CREATURE, IN WHICH THERE ARE SUCH FOLK AS THIS VERY PONTIUS PILATE – THE PEOPLE WE BELONG TO AND WHO ARE ALSO OURSELVES AT ANY TIME ON A SLIGHTLY LARGER SCALE! IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CLOSE OUR EYES TO THIS, FOR GOD HAS NOT CLOSED HIS EITHER: HE HAS ENTERED INTO IT ALL. - KARL BARTH**



# HUMAN NATURE



**THE PEOPLE'S BRUTAL REPLY IS INTENDED TO SHOCK US. THEY COULD HAVE REPLIED MORE INDIFFERENTLY – "FORGET ABOUT HIM," OR "DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH HIM." BUT WHEN THEY ORDER (!) PILATE TO "CRUCIFY HIM!" SURELY SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG. ONLY A FEW HOURS BEFORE, JESUS WAS ROYALTY TO THEM. "HUMAN NATURE IS SICK."**

**- DALE BRUNER**



**WHO KILLED  
JESUS?**

**MATTHEW, AS WE HAVE SEEN FROM THE BEGINNING, HAS WRITTEN HIS GOSPEL SUCH THAT WE CANNOT AVOID BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS, ONE OF THE ELITES, OR A MEMBER OF THE CROWD. THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF WHO KILLED JESUS, THEREFORE, IS THAT WE ALL KILLED JESUS...**



**THE DISCIPLES KILLED JESUS BY DESERTING HIM. THE CROWD KILLED JESUS BECAUSE THEY WERE A CROWD. THE ELITES OF ISRAEL KILLED JESUS BECAUSE THEY FEARED HIS CALL TO HOLINESS. PILATE KILLED JESUS BECAUSE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER.**



**“THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE” KILLED JESUS  
BECAUSE THEY HAD NOTHING ELSE TO DO.  
WE ALL KILLED, AND CONTINUE TO KILL,  
JESUS. SO LET US ALL SAY THAT “HIS  
BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!”  
- STANLEY HAUERWAS**