

CROSSROADS

Transformation at the cross

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Facing the Cross

Pilate's passivity on the stage of sin & judgement →





Circumvent Responsibility

Evading the weight of our actions

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Luke 23:13-14 NIV

13 Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I

have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him.



Luke 23:15-19 NIV

15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16 Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

18 But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” 19 (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)



Acts 2:22-23 NIV

22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

23 This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.



Passivity with sin is
like standing in front of
the cross and closing
our eyes.



Mark 7:20-21a NIV

”He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come”



Do you flee
responsibility for
your sin?





Succumb to the Crowd

The pressures of people's perception

02



Luke 23: 20-22 NIV

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. 21 But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" 22 For the third time he spoke to them: "Why?

What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."



Luke 23: 23-25 NIV

23 But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. 24 So Pilate decided to grant their demand. 25 He released the man who had been thrown into

prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.



“So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released to them Barrabas.”

Mark 15:15

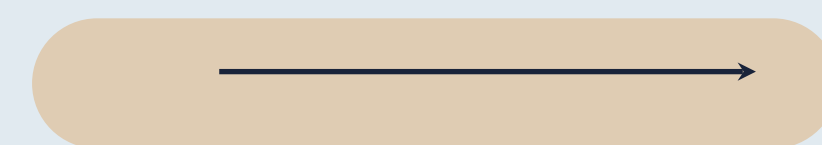


Their shouts prevailed.

Luke 23:23



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Whose voices are
prevailing in your
life?



“Saving Face”

Comfortable vulnerability, shallow exposure of sin

Or

Seeing your sin

True & raw confession = abandonment of people pleasing



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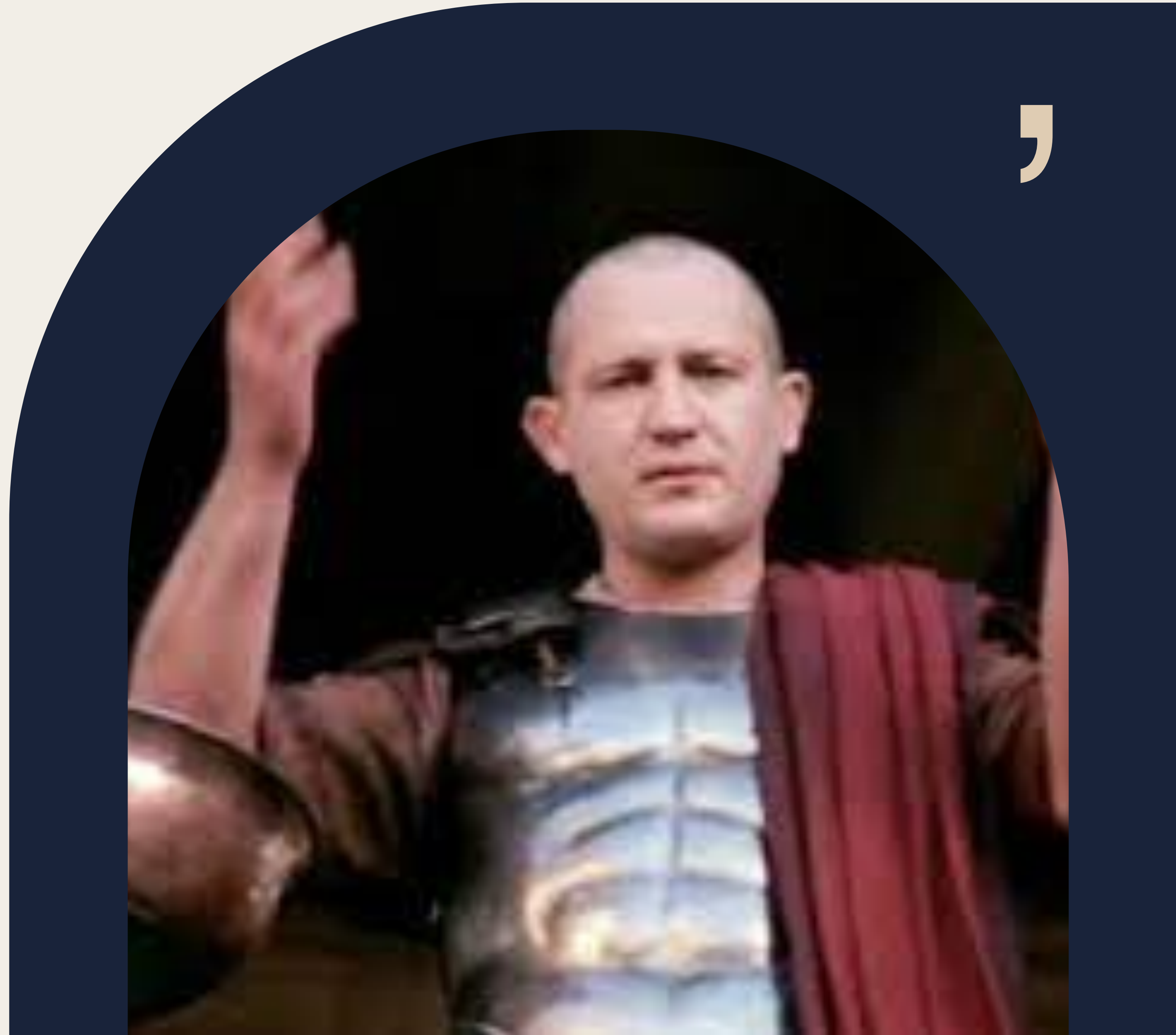
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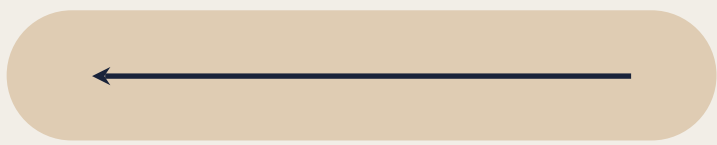
"I am innocent of this man's blood"

”When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd.

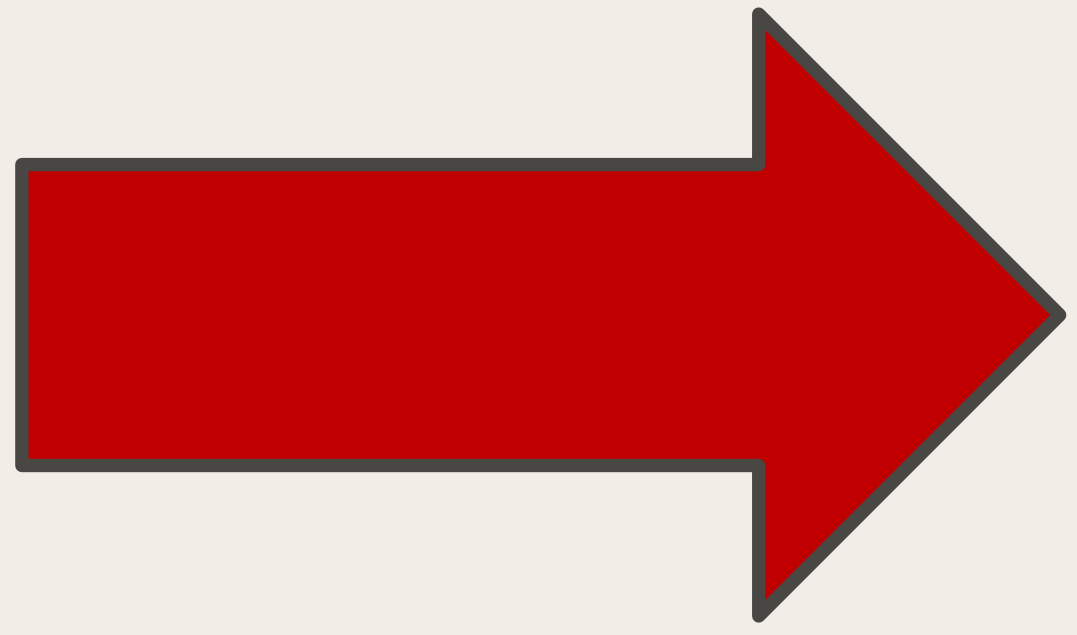
“I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

Matt 27:24 NIV



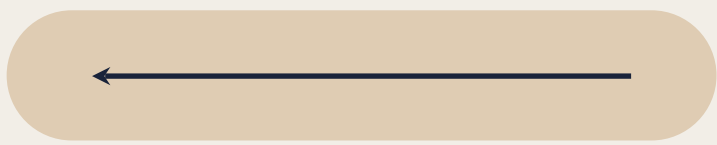


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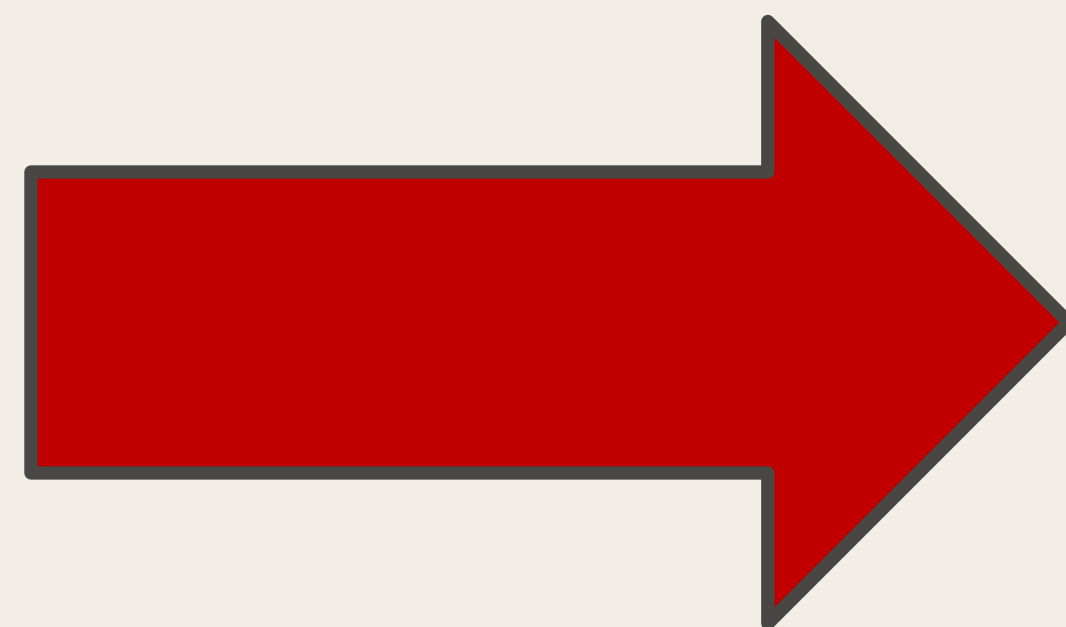


God's
Mercy





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Isaiah 64:6 NIV



“All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.”



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Do you self-
atone?



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