

YOU CAN WASH YOUR HANDS BUT YOU ARE STILL A SINNER

Sermon Outline & Devotional Guide

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- + John 18:28, "Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover" (NASB).
 - **Biblical principle #1:** We are are capable of looking good _____ but hiding _____ sins in our hearts and flesh privately.
- + John 18:29-31, Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this Man'³⁰They answered and said to him, 'If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you.' ³¹So Pilate said to them, 'Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.' The Jews said to him, 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death'" (NASB).
- + John 18:32-33, "To fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die. ³³And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die" (NASB)."

Why A Cross?

1. The fulfillment of _____ own words in John 12:32-33.
2. The fulfillment of _____ prophecies (Ps. 22:1, 6b-8, 14a-15, 18).

3. The crucifixion would _____ the Jews and the Gentile worlds in a _____ of death.

- + Acts 4:27, "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel" (NASB).

4. Crucifixion fulfilled the _____ of an Old Testament event.

- + See Numbers 21:9.
- + John 3:14-15, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; ¹⁵so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life" (NASB).
- + Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death" (NASB).
- + Read Deuteronomy 21:22-23.
- + Galatians 3:13, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'" (NASB).

- **Biblical principle #2:** Jesus became sin - and if anyone _____ at Him on a wooden cross, which now represents the very cause of His death, they will be _____ of their sin and _____.

- + Luke 23:2, "And they began to accuse Him, saying, 'We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King'" (NASB).
- + John 18:33-34, "Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, 'Are You the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?'" (NASB).
- **Biblical principle #3:** Many people are like Pilate today. They are curious, superstitious and more than willing to talk about who Jesus is. They simple do not want Jesus getting _____ with them.
- + John 18:35-36, "Pilate answered, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm'" (NASB).

- _____ times Jesus says, "My kingdom . . ."
- **Biblical principle #4:** Because what Jesus has done is directly related to Who He is. And you will never be able to understand _____ He has done until you _____ Who He really is.
- **Biblical Principle #5:** _____ is dependent on _____.
- **Biblical Principle #6:** Truth is a _____, not a _____.

- + Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (NASB).
- + Hebrews 11:1, "What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead" (TLB).
- + 2 Corinthians 5:7, "We walk by faith, not by sight" (NASB).
- + John 18:37-38, "There' Jesus answered, 'You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.' ³⁸Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth?' And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, 'I find no guilt in Him'" (NASB).
- + John 1:1, 9, "In the beginning was the Word (Logos), and the Word (Logos) was with God, and the Word (Logos) was God . . . ⁹There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man" (NASB).
- + John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (NASB).

What Kept Pilate Initially From Condemning Jesus To Death>

1. Pilate knew Jesus was _____ . _____ times he declares this (see John John 18:38b, John 19:4, & John 19:6).
2. Pilate knew the true _____ of the Jewish leaders (Matt. 27:18).
3. Pilate's _____ had sent him a very disturbing warning (Matt. 27:19).

- + Matthew 27:16-18, 20-21, At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' ¹⁸For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over . . . ²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death. ²¹But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas""(NASB).
- + Luke 23:25, "And he (Pilate) released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will" (NASB).
 - Barabbas comes from two Hebrew words: "Bar" — _____ of and "abbas," _____. Barabbas was the son of some powerful Jewish father. Barabbas is a description, not a name. Other manuscripts, such as the Syrian and Alexandrian text insert the name the name Jesus — to have Pilate presenting Jesus Barabbas and Jesus the Christ. Jesus was a very common name. It is Greek for the Aramaic, Yeshua, for the Hebrew, Joshua, which means "God who saves" and _____.
- + Read John 19:1-14.

At Least 7 Times Jesus Is Declared Innocent

1. By _____ 3 times > John 18:38b, John 19:4, John 19:6
2. By _____ (Luke 23:9)
3. By Pilate's _____ (Matt. 27:19)
4. By the _____ (Luke 23:41).
5. By the _____ (Mark 15:39)
6. By the _____ in the darkness (Matthew 27:54).
7. By _____ (Matthew 27:4).

Next Steps Devotional Guide

1. Read through the biblical principles. Which one should you focus on today and why?
2. Pilate was obviously under great conviction. He knew what he was doing was wrong. What have you "washed your hands" of that the Lord has convicted you of? What has the Lord told you to do, but you have refused to obey?
3. Do you tend to look good publicly before other Christians while hiding sins? Why? This is one of the blessings and benefits of a community group or small group. If you are not in one, why?
4. It seems that Barabbas was the son of a very prominent Jewish father and rabbi. Meaning, today, he would be a preacher's kid. Being raised in a Christian home is no guarantee of following Christ as a disciple. What is? Would the Lord say you more His disciple or more of a church attender? Why?