

SERMON NOTES



CROSS EXAMINED: "Why kill him?"

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Luke 23:20 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."

Why kill him? From different perspectives...

a. From a religious perspective..._____

- *Luke 22:66 At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. 67 "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, 68 and if I asked you, you would not answer. 69 But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." 70 They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am." 71 Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."*

b. From a political perspective..._____

- *Luke 23:23 Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." 3 So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. 4 Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."*

c. From a Jewish perspective..._____.

- *John 10:47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.
“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.”
Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, “You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”*

d. From a legal perspective..._____.

- *Luke 23:22 “I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty.”*

So, why get rid of Jesus? From a personal perspective...

a. He challenges my _____.

- *Luke 22:67 “If you are the Christ,” they said, “tell us.”
Jesus answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe me, ⁶⁸ and if I asked you, you would not answer.*

b. He challenges my _____.

- *Luke 23:5 But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”*

c. He challenges my _____.

- *John 19:12 From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”*

Why was Jesus killed? From God’s perspective

a. It was God’s _____

- *Acts 2:22 “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.*

- *Isaiah 53:10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.*

b. It was Jesus' _____

- *John 10:17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life— only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. **I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.** This command I received from my Father.”*
- *John 19:10 “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” 11 Jesus answered, “**You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.** Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”*
- *Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
7 but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!*

c. It was for _____

- *Romans 4:25 **He was delivered over to death for our sins** and was raised to life for our justification.*
- *Isaiah 53:5-6 But **he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;** the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the **Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

*Isaiah 53:11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and **he will bear their iniquities.***

He was condemned to _____ so I could be set _____!

MY PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: