

For what crime was Jesus sentenced to death by Pilate? Why did Jesus admit His "guilt" on this charge (v. 11)?

What truths about Jesus did the religious leaders acknowledge as they mocked Him for being unable to save Himself (v. 41-43)? How does this undermine their statement that they would believe in Him if He did so? How does this happen to Him today?

Which of the abuses Jesus suffered on this last day most disturbs you?

Which of the unusual events (darkness, earthquake, temple curtain torn, dead raised, etc.) that happened when Jesus died seems most significant?

REFLECT

In what ways can I truly live in the freedom of Christ in light of the cross?

RESPOND

Silently reread vs. 27-50 and imagine yourself in the crowd looking at Jesus. What do you see? Who are you with? How do you respond to what is said and done to Him? Continue silently focusing your attention on Jesus; worship Him for what He is doing for you. (Leader, allow several minutes of silence before closing with "Amen.")

for further reading:  
This sermon series is inspired by John Piper's book, The Passion of Jesus Christ (Crossway Books, 2004)



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"He has sent me to proclaim freedom..."  
Luke 4:18

*+LOVE*

\_\_\_\_\_ John 13:1b  
\_\_\_\_\_ "Having loved His own who were in  
\_\_\_\_\_ the world, He now showed them the  
\_\_\_\_\_ FULL EXTENT OF HIS LOVE."  
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Ephesians 5:2  
"...and live a life of LOVE just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

*+FORGIVE*

Atonement  
to be in 'right standing' or to be 'reconciled.' \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ephesians 1:7  
"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."



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# The Trial & Crucifixion of Jesus

## LIFE GROUP STUDY

"The OT Hebrew word that we translate 'atonement' means literally 'to cover up.' The animal sacrifices were intended to 'cover' a man's sins. In the NT, however, the meaning of atoning sacrifice is conveyed by the word 'expiate,' which means 'to put away.' The blood that Jesus shed in our behalf on the cross at Calvary does not merely cover up our sin, it puts away our sin as though it had never been committed."

~ Bishop T.W. Wilson

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Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

"The problem is that if we go through life as a judge, unwilling to forgive, we keep ourselves trapped in a cell of our own bitterness. The irony is that we feel like we're making the other person pay by not forgiving them, but we're actually the one suffering."

~ Vince Antonucci, Guerrilla Lovers, pg. 71

**+LIVE**

1 Peter 2:24

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and LIVE for righteousness."

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**LOVE + FORGIVE + LIVE**

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM."

2 Corinthians 3:17

RELATE

Which freedom is most important to you (i.e., conscience, assembly, religion, etc.)?

Agree / Disagree: I am truly experiencing the freedom Christ died to give me.

What principle, insight, or quote from this sermon was most meaningful to you?

READ

Matthew 27

Jesus demonstrates freedom as He trusts God while leaders abuse worldly power to manipulate people and events to have Him crucified.

How did the following people view Jesus? Did any of them change their view of him in these last hours, and if so, why?

Judas	Chief Priests & Elders	Pilate	Pilate's Wife
Crowd	Barabbas	Officer & Soldiers	Criminals
Women	Joseph of Arimathea	Guards at the Tomb	

How has your understanding of Jesus changed during your life?

Who is most responsible for Jesus' death? How did Jesus view them (see Luke 23:34)? Do you need to let go of a grudge and forgive someone in order to experience such liberation?