

## 6 Hours One Friday – March 27, 2024

### Jesus was crucified. Was it a success or failure?

**Both.** Man's purpose? End Jesus' life . . . Failure. He rose again.  
Jesus' purpose? Success.

**1 Tim 1:15** – “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst.”

**Job 42:2** tells us that no purpose of God's can be thwarted.

① The Pharisees had a plan. . . their plan was part of God's plan.

Jesus on the Cross between 9 am – 3 pm.

His suffering began earlier ... all night long. Fear. Betrayal. Circus Trial:

**John 18** – 1<sup>st</sup> to Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas, high priest.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - He was bound, sent to Caiaphas.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jesus sent to Pilate, the Roman Gov. @ early a.m. Rooster
  - v.28 - They won't go in. Don't want to **defile** themselves.
    - Ironic. Superficial. Outer vs. Inner
    - ② Focus on what matters... the inside . . . **heart**
    - **1 Sam 16:7** – “People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

31 Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected.

- First, **you're right**. No right to do what you're doing.
  - God has right to judge. To punish. We don't.
- Second, they'll **stone** someone?? Doesn't make **sense**.
  - **John 10** – Jesus: “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me? **33** “We are not stoning You for any good work,” said the Jews, “but for blasphemy, because You, who are a man, declare Yourself to be God.”
    - **Leviticus 24:16** - Whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD must surely be put to death; the whole assembly must surely stone him, whether he is a foreign resident or native; if he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.
  - **Truth:** concerned about peace; no riot. Pilate, too.
    - If revolt, Rome - blame Jewish leaders.

- Pharisees protect themselves: Rome does the deed.
- Bonus: discourage Jesus' followers.
- **Jesus knew & predicted how He would die:**
  - **John 8:28** Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own, but speak exactly what the Father has taught Me."
  - Prophecy is fulfilled: Jesus would be "pierced for our transgressions" ([Isaiah 53:6](#))

**3** When life **doesn't make sense, trust God**. He has a plan. He uses all things... all kinds of people to get you to your destiny. Consider Herod /Bethlehem. Pilate /Cross Joseph's bros /Palace

**Rom 8:28** – "all things work together for good for those who love God"

**This is Good Friday!**

Pilate concludes – He's "not guilty of a crime." **No rebellion. More irony:** Pharisees: give us **Barabbas** (who had taken part of an uprising).

**Pharisees are rebelling** against God. Reject the Son.

- Whenever we rebel, **we'll feel the consequences**. And they do!

**John 19** – <sup>12</sup> Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, "If you release this man, you are no 'friend of Caesar.'"

- Didn't taste good coming out of their mouths.

- Pilate tries again: "this is your king" ... "no King but Ceasar."

- Again, choking on their words

- Pilate's sign on cross: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

- <sup>21</sup> The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate... *claimed*

- **Luke 23:48** – "A crowd had gathered to see the terrible sight. Then after they had seen it, they felt brokenhearted and went home."

- "went home in deep sorrow" / "beat their breasts & went away"

**4** There's little worse than getting what you want... unsatisfied.

**Psm 107:9:** "For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things"

- You want to be satisfied in your life? Choose Jesus. follow

**John 19** – Pilate chooses to Flog an innocent man.

He was mocked, slapped/face. That's Personal, not distant.

Pilate hoped the brutality/humiliation would be enough. Wasn't.

*<sup>7</sup> The Jewish leaders replied, "By our law he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God."*

**John 5:18** - Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus ... claimed deity & equality w/ God. They considered Jesus **guilty of blasphemy** in three ways:

- 1) Jesus called God "My Father,"
  - 2) He worked in tandem w/ God,
  - 3) He asserted same authority to work on the Sabbath as God
- - **Note:** Jesus didn't correct them;

Q: Aren't we all sons & daughters of God? "Children of God"? No.

**1 John 5:1** – "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well."

- Jesus to Nicodemus: **John 3:3** - "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are **born again**."
- **John 12** – Jesus & Pharisees: They said: "The only Father we have is God himself." **42** Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God."
- **1 John 3:10** – "This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister."

⑤ Child of God is born again; believes Jesus is the Christ. Savior.

**Mark 15:25** –about 9 am when nailed to Cross. Noon: dark till 3pm

People made fun of Him. Mocked Him. Taunted him. In Public!

Jesus knows what we go thru. He gets it. But His example:

**Luke 23:34** - "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

- His first words are forgiveness. (Usually, our last)
- In his pain, Jesus seeks peace, not anger or hatred.

⑥ If Jesus can forgive them, He can forgive you.

Luke 24: <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things."

**SUCCESS.**      **Song of the week – "Above All " by Natasha Midori**