



“Jesus Is Delivered”

Luke 23:13-25

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. When have you been faced with a very hard decision? Your heart, mind and gut were taking you in one direction, but people were trying to persuade you in another?

QUICK REVIEW

It’s now the morning of the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jewish authorities are advancing their plans to have Him executed. Putting the Gospel accounts together, we find that Jesus faces a series of six hearings. Three are at the hands of the religious leadership of Jerusalem, and three take place before the civil authorities. The trials will decide, from a human perspective, the fate of Jesus.

Luke now sets our attention on the conclusion of the civil trial. It’s the final hearing. Pontius Pilate has found Jesus innocent of the charges leveled against him, but he is challenged by the hostile crowd. In the end, Jesus is delivered over to be crucified.

Read Luke 23:13-25

By whose will is Jesus delivered to crucifixion?

1. By the _____ will of _____ (Luke 23:13-25).
2. By the _____ will of _____ (Luke 23:18-25).
3. By the _____ will of _____ (Acts 2:22-24).

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pilate was vacillating between what he knew to be right and what the crowd wanted him to do. How does I Peter 5:6-11 encourage you in your own areas of vacillation?
2. The mob in Pilate's courtyard was zealous, passionate and unyielding in its cry against Jesus. We are living in a world of passionate movements competing against each other. Where might you be tempted to fall in line with a surging mob? Reflecting on Proverbs 1:8-19, what is the call of Christ on your life? Do any other passages come to mind to guide us?
3. RC Sproul speaks of the doctrine of "concurrency" as follows: "theologians often employ the useful term 'concurrency' to explain the reality that God and human beings both act at the same time so that the Lord's plan is fulfilled and our choices are really and truly our own." Perhaps this doctrine is stated most concisely by Joseph in Genesis 50:19-21. Reflecting on this, how do we see it at work in this weekend's passage? How might this relate to your own sinful choices and the sin people commit against you?
4. Reflect further on Acts 2:22-24. What did Peter believe and proclaim about the death and resurrection of Jesus? How was human responsibility and divine providence at work in the same events?
5. How is the story of Barabbas an illustration of I Peter 3:18? How is your life the same?