

## **THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!**

### *The Life of Christ Series*

#### Gospel of Luke

### **Multitude Chooses Sinner Over Savior**

#### **Luke 23:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, <sup>14</sup>said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined *Him* in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; <sup>15</sup>no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore chastise Him and release *Him*" <sup>17</sup>(for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast). <sup>18</sup>And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this *Man*, and release to us Barabbas"—<sup>19</sup>who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder. <sup>20</sup>Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. <sup>21</sup>But they shouted, saying, "Crucify *Him*, crucify Him!" <sup>22</sup>Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let *Him* go." <sup>23</sup>But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. <sup>25</sup>And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Read Matthew 27:24-26; Mark 15:6-15; John 18:38-19-16.

1. Pilate mentioned three times that he did not find any fault in Jesus. However, in Matthew 27:24, Pilate realizes that the crowd was not satisfied with his ruling and give in to the demands of the crowd. He *took water and washed his hands* and said that he is *innocent of the blood of this just Person*. Does this make him innocent? Why or why not?
2. In Matthew 27:25, the crowd answered with, "*His blood be on us and our children*". What consequences did this have on the Jewish people and nation? Discuss these events in history.
3. In reading these verses, who is responsible for Jesus' crucifixion? Was it Pilate? Herod? The Sanhedrin? Discuss.
4. The people chose a murderer over Jesus. How is this choice comparable in choosing sin over salvation?
5. This reply of "*His blood be on us*" was a curse to the Jews, but how as it a blessing to the Gentiles? Is it a blessing to you? Explain.