

# OPEN THE DOOR

## “Give Me Jesus!”

Luke 23:1-25 - Mike Churchill

### Today's Core Belief:

**Jesus Christ** *“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin – that He suffered, was crucified and buried, but rose on the third day, after which He ascended into heaven where He sits at the Father’s right hand.” (from Hebrews 1:3)*



## Deeper Connection Study

The three hasty trials manufactured by the Jewish leaders against Jesus were concluded very early in the morning. The scene shifts as the religious leaders drag Jesus to his next trial before Pontius Pilate. The actions of everyone present are somewhat expected, yet still surprising nonetheless. It boils down to choices and what we choose determines our destiny.

*Today's Core Belief discussed: Jesus Christ.*

**Read Luke 23:1-25 [par. Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; John 18:39-40]**

1. Who is Pilate and why is Jesus taken to him? What does Pilate determine about Jesus (vv. 1-5, 13-17 cf. Matt. 27:11-14)? Why does he send Jesus to Herod and what occurs (vv. 6-17)?
2. What offer does Pilate make to placate the crowd (vv. 18-25; cf. Matt. 27:15-17)? Why does he do this? How does this backfire?
3. How does Pilate discern the devious agenda of the religious leaders concerning Jesus (Matt. 27:18)? What really bothers them about Jesus (see Matt. 7:28-29; 9:8, 31-34; 21:8-16)?
4. How do Pilate's actions compare with what the chief priests do (Matt. 27:1-4; Acts 4:27)? What concerns both groups?
5. How is Jesus' arrest, trials, and punishment prophesied and why is it necessary (Isa. 53; Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19)? What are the ramifications of Jesus dying in place of Barabbas and his substitutionary death [atonement] for us (John 1:29; 3:16; Rom. 3:25; 5:8; 1 John 2:2)?
6. What does Jesus' suffering and sacrifice mean to you? How has this affected your life? What have you decided about Jesus? How has this choice influenced others around you?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his gracious provision of Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Ask God to help you choose Jesus and live daily under his kingly rule.

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In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
Give me Jesus

I know we all want to sing these lyrics with our whole hearts. But, if we are honest with ourselves, we still battle to live them out on a daily basis. It's easy for us to look back and see moments that we should have clung to the truth of Jesus, but instead, chose the comforts of this world. So, why is it we have such a battle every day to simply say "Give Me Jesus?"

Today we will look at a passage that points to the very essence of Christ's character. My prayer is that as we study this passage, the truth of who Christ is, and the choice he made to be silent when He faced tremendous opposition, will allow us to find strength in who Jesus is, allowing us to truly live lives that cry out for more Jesus.

