

Led to the Slaughter -Sermon Study Matthew 27:1-26

In this section we see Jesus unfairly condemned and yet He makes no defense for Himself. Literally, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter He opened not His mouth (Isaiah 53:7). Why?

He had already made his claim - John 14:6

They demonstrated they understood His claim - Matt 26:57-68 - (blasphemy) fully and then condemned Him to death.

Main Idea:

Legalism condemned Life

Lies condemned Truth

Emotionalism condemned The Way

And when that didn't work, pragmatism finished the job

Legalism condemned Life (Matthew 27:1-10)

-Read Matthew 12:14. Their minds were already made up, the trial was simply their excuse to carry out their sinful desires.

-They didn't care about the truth (27:4) but condemned Christ using their legalism to do so (27:6).

-Read John 18:28. What is so ironic about their concern?

-Read Matthew 15:1-9 for a definition of legalism

-sinful man still uses legalism (self effort) to oppose Christ. Read Colossians 2:6-8, 16-23 and Galatians 5:1-5. Every person who relies on legalism identifies themselves with these pharisees here. the arbitrariness of self righteousness is seen here in all its glory.

-How do you see legalism oppose Christ today?

-read the following article and discuss:

<http://maxgrace.wordpress.com/2009/03/25/how-legalism-kills-the-church/>

Lies condemned Truth (Matthew 27:11-14)

-The blasphemy charge (Matt. 26:57-69) would not matter to the Romans so they charged Jesus with being an insurrectionist, a person who stirs up people to riot.

-Matthew 27:11 shows Pilate respond to this charge. Read Luke 23:2 and John 19:12 to see their clear lie.

-sinful lies are still used to oppose Christ. Read Romans 1:25 and 1 John 2:21-22.

-How do you see lies used to oppose Christ today?

-red the following article and discuss:

http://www.churchleaders.com/outreach-missions/outreach-missions-blogs/154842-nicole_cottrell_top_5_lies_christians_believe.html?print

Emotionalism condemned The Way (Matthew 27:15-23)

-notice that the pharisee persuaded the crowd (27:20) to choose Barabbas over Christ.

-Mark 15:11 gives color to what was meant by persuasion and the idea is that of emotional manipulation.

-Read Luke 23:18-25 and notice how irrational and emotional the crowd was. there was no reason or concern for the truth.

-Ironically, who were the real insurrectionists? Also Luke 23:18 declares

Barabbas guilty of the very crime Jesus is declared innocent of. At this point Matthew's emphasis brings out the fact that it was us on trial not Christ.

-Emotionalism is still used to oppose Christ today. Read Acts 129:21-34.

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-how do you see emotionalism used to oppose Christ today.

-Read the following article and discuss:

<http://www.canonandculture.com/why-younger-evangelicals-are-leaving-the-church-some-arguments-against-the-conventional-wisdom/>

And when that didn't work, pragmatism finished the job (Matthew 27:24-26)

-Pilate knew Jesus was innocent. He delated Him innocent three times (Luke 23:4, 14-15, 22-25)

-But Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd - the truth was inconvenient for him so he ignored it.

-when legalism is shut down and lies are corrected and emotionalism is defused pragmatism is usually the last opposition to rely on for sinful man.

-Read Acts 25:22-27. notice that no concern for the truth is really had - convenience and pragmatism ruled the decision making.

-How do you see pragmatism used to oppose Christ today?

-Read the following article and discuss:

<http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/tozer6.html>

Implication:

It was - our trial, not His. we are legalistic liars who like irrational animals turn from the only way of salvation - and when these reasons do not suffice we settle for pure convenience to reject Him.

but here is the good news. He took it

He took the condemnation we heaped upon Him -our condemnation- and offered us, His innocence.

He claimed their unrighteousness and offered His righteousness in exchange

Read Romans 3:21-25; Gal 2:20; phil 3:8-9

Application: Matthew 27:26

Barabbas was the guilty son of the father - he had no pretense of innocence - and when Christ literally took his place he became the first person in history to literally be able to say -that should be me - this is the gospel illustrated!!!

You are Barabbas. You are the guilty one, and the innocent one took your place. you must look at the cross and say that should be me - this is the road you must walk for eternity -the barabbas road - you never get off of it

discuss how you can use the name of our church to evangelize. Discuss how to respond to this message. discuss ways to invite people to church.