

Outline – March 14, 2021

Mark 15:27-47

The People At The Cross

Were You There When They Crucified The Lord?

- I. **The unique – prophetic setting for the crucifixion**
 - A. A unique nation
 - B. A unique form of execution
 - C. A unique season (Passover)
 - D. A unique death
 - E. A unique time
 - F. Some unique players, people
 - G. Some unique responses

- II. **The players and people**
 - A. The enemies of Jesus
 - 1. The religious elite
 - 2. The Pharisees
 - 3. Their problem
 - 4. Not willing to follow the evidence
 - 5. Not willing to examine or test
 - 6. More concerned about their tradition, religion, and power
 - 7. They wanted to kill the one who raised the dead
 - B. The ignorant
 - 1. Pilate
 - 2. He was tired, in the middle, and afraid
 - 3. He asked questions
 - 4. He received counsel from his wife
 - 5. He tried to wash his hands of Jesus
 - 6. He tried to convince the Jewish leaders
 - 7. He knew what was right, but didn't do it
 - 8. Feared the crowd, the anger, the boss, not being popular
 - 9. Couldn't stop washing – his hands took his life
 - 10. Oh, so close
 - C. Barabbas
 - 1. The other terrorist
 - 2. His cross was to be the middle one
 - 3. He was guilty
 - 4. He was condemned
 - 5. His only hope was for Jesus to take his place
 - 6. Once he was set free, he embraced his freedom
 - 7. Did he believe in Jesus for eternal life or for that moment's blessing?

- D. The soldiers
 - 1. Cynical
 - 2. Hardened
 - 3. Had a job to do
 - 4. Never thought "what if"
 - 5. Never thought of mortality
 - 6. All they cared about was stuff
 - 7. Oh so close, yet so far
- E. The friends and followers
 - 1. Peter
 - a. Denied Him 3 times
 - b. Peter's denial and ours
 - 2. Judas
 - a. Betrayal
 - b. Sold Him out
 - c. Thought he knew better
 - 3. Thomas – doubter
 - 4. The other disciples
 - 5. John
 - 6. The women who followed
- F. The condemned
 - 1. Judas
 - a. Heard the words
 - b. Had a place
 - c. Never believed
 - d. Sold Him out
 - 2. A terrorist who only thought of the moment. Oh, so close.
- G. The saved
 - 1. A thief/terrorist
 - 2. From cursing to believing
 - 3. Saw love, a gift, a sacrifice, a person who cared

III. You were there

- A. You can try to rid yourself like Pilate
- B. You can deny like Peter
- C. You can curse like a terrorist
- D. Jesus is still there

**If You Believe, You Will Hear The Words
"Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"**