



The Easter Experience

“Accused for Me”

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying,

“Are You the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.”

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

Matthew 27:11–12, NKJV

13 Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?”

14 But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

Matthew 27:13–14, NKJV

I. The Religious Proud.

Religious Pride is self-devotion, self-justification, self-righteous, and self-glorying in contempt of God.

17 Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

Matthew 27:17-18, AMP

20 But the chief priests and the elders prevailed on the people to ask for Barabbas, and put Jesus to death.

21 Again the governor said to them, Which of the two do you wish me to release for you?

And they said, Barabbas!

Matthew 27:20-21, AMP

II. Distracted

22 Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!”

**23 Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?”
But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”**

Matthew 27:22–23, NKJV

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

Matthew 27:24, NKJV

Two Types of Hearts

- I. Jesus is on the throne of your heart and self is on the cross.**
- II. Jesus is on the cross of your heart and self is on throne.**

III. Spared

Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

Matthew 27:26, NKJV

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time
Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet
perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

Romans 5:6–7, NKJV

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Romans 5:8–9, NKJV