

4. Why do you think Pilate referred the case against Jesus to Herod?
Luke 23:5-7

Why do we try and give our problems to someone else to handle?

Did this work for Pilate later on in the story?

5. Jesus would not defend His innocence or explain His identity to Herod in *Luke 23:6-12*.

How did Herod's treatment of John the Baptist factor in?
Mark 6:14-29

Does *Matthew 7:6* apply in any way?

6. Pilate could not stay on the fence about Jesus.
In *Luke 23:13-25*, what did he try to do?

How did Pilate's wife plead with? *Matthew 26:19*

Why must people decide about Jesus? *Acts 4:12*

Taking it Home

Spend time praying with and for each other. Be sure to pray for people in your Oikos and those you are concerned about this Christmas. This is a great time of year to reach out to people who don't know the Lord or are not walking with Him.

Prayer Requests:

Knowing the Truth About Jesus

December 2, 2018
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“Jesus on Trial!” *Luke 23:1-25*

Who is this Jesus?

1. Jesus is not guilty!

Luke 23:1-5

Pilate- *Luke 23:4, 14, 22*

King Herod - *Luke 23:15*

One of the thieves- *Luke 23:39-43*

Roman centurion- *Luke 23:47*

Jesus is the bearer of our guilt!

II Corinthians 5:21

I Peter 3:18

Colossians 2:13,14

2. Jesus is not defensive

Luke 23:6-12

Luke 23:9- “Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.”

Jesus is the lawyer for our defense!

I John 1:8

I John 2:1-2

Revelation 12:10

Romans 8:1

3. Jesus is not to be ignored

Luke 23:24

Jesus must be accepted or rejected

John 1:11,12- "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

So What...

Who is Jesus to you ?

What was your take-away from Sunday?

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement or question)

Getting Connected

A possible interesting question to start your group- In family conflicts, are you more a "peace at any price person" or "somebody needs to pay the price" person?

Going Further- Growing in Christ

1. This is our first week to work on this month's memory verse.
Luke 1:46-47- NASB- "And Mary said, 'My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.'"

This week pray for Adama who is leading the mission to reach unengaged people groups in Burkina Faso. Progress is being made -God is faithful!

Extra credit if you share something from PT with God of Advent.

2. What did you learn or were reminded about concerning Jesus as we looked at "Jesus on Trial"? Why are these basic truths so important to remember, even at Christmastime?
3. In light of Jesus being put on trial, and not looking very powerful, with what tone of voice do you picture Pilate asking the question of Luke 23:3?

How seriously does he seem to take this claim?