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RECAP:	<p>Last week we looked at 3 rocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The high priest, Peter, and Jesus were the rocks that we looked at. — — We saw those rocks that thought they could stand on their own strength and understanding ended up cracking, crumbling, and being pulverized. — — — We looked at Peter’s outright denial of Jesus 3 times. — — — — We also looked at how Peter unlike the high priest will be remade by Christ. — — — — — We should be encourage because those that believe, follow, and serve Jesus will be remade.
INTRODUCTION:	<p>We pick back up with the narrative of Jesus arrest and trial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The religious leaders new they not followed the Jewish rule and regulation of a trial but they felt they were choosing the lesser sin. — — Remember last week we talked about how God never wants us to choose the lesser sin but want’s us to choose no sin. — — — Now we will see the religious leaders hand Jesus over to the Roman government so they could get what they wanted done. — — — — We will see the religious leaders bend the rules to get what they want. — — — — — We will see, once again how Jesus stands firm in the center of God’s will and is completing the work God had for Him.
Passage Begins	

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Mark 15:1–5 (NAS): 1 Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.

So the religious leaders knew what was right and they did not follow the Jewish rules and regulations of having a trial.

—2 to 3 weeks ago we talked about the 6-7 regulation that they broke in putting Jesus on trial as they did.

— —So here the religious leaders attempt to cover for themselves.

— — —They gathered early in the morning because the consultation that happened at night was not veiled.

— — — —But they also did this because they had to reaffirm that they were convicting Jesus to death.

— — — — —In reality this would be considered the first meeting and they still did not have a case against Jesus.

— — — — — —Instead of doing it right they did enough to make themselves feel good.

This is what we as human beings will do as well.

—We will do enough to make ourselves feel good about what we have done.

— —Christians are not exempt from this behavior as well.

— — —Immature believer, fake believers, back sliding believers, and even healthy mature believers do this.

— — — —It becomes easy for to put it on auto-pilot or do just enough to get by.

— — — — —***READ: Revelation 3:14–16 (NAS):*** 14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: 15 ‘I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 ‘So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

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Lastly, We need to Return to enjoying God. When we start enjoying other things in this life more than God, we start to enjoy God less. We have to enjoy God the most. For this is the love of God, that we should keep His commandments; And His commandments are not burdensome.

READ: Malachi 1:6-8 (NAS): 6 “ ‘A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?’ says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name? 7 “You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The table of the Lord is to be despised.’ 8 “But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? —If this is you; what do you do? How do we find out way back of laziness, half hearted service to God? — —Repent and turn back to when you were living the Christian life well. **READ: Revelation 2:5 (NAS):** 5 ‘Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; **READ: Joel 2:12-13 (NAS):** Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping and mourning; 13 And rend your heart and not your garments.” — —Hand over your whole heart. If you are serving Jesus half heartedly they something else has part of your heart. **READ: Jeremiah 29:13 (NAS):** You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. — —We need to pray that God will restore your heart. — — **READ: Psalm 119:145 (NAS):** 145 I cried with all my heart; answer me, O Lord! I will observe Your statutes. — — **READ: Psalm 119:34 (NAS):** 34 Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law And keep it with all my heart.

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So the religious leaders met early in the morning because Israel was under Roman control and need to move quickly to get Jesus before Pilate.

- They could not execute someone on their own but it had to be through the Romans.
- — They wanted Jesus executed before the Sabbath began.
- — — Pilate was as Daniel Akin wrote, “A cruel and harsh governor who despised the Jews and enjoyed antagonizing them.”
- — — — R. C. Sproul wrote this, “The historians Philo and Josephus tell us that Pilate was inflexible, stubborn, and cruel.”
- — — — — Pilate by force raided the temple treasury in order to pay for an aqueduct.

Needless to say the Jews and the Pilate did not get along.

- Yet they are willing to deal with Pilate so that Jesus would be killed. Why?
- — Why would they hand Jesus, one of their own countrymen, over to this especially nasty gentile?
- — — Well, first and foremost it was prophesied about in Ps. 22:16: **READ: Psalm 22:16 (NAS):** 16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.
- — — Second, Jesus was a threat to the religious leaders power.
- — — — Jesus interpreted the Law differently from the religious leader and He challenged them on their understanding of it.
- — — — — Jesus criticized their leadership of God’s people and He did not buy into the politics of the religious leaders.

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— — — Third, as Kent Hughes wrote, “Jesus showed them up for what they were, exposing their sin.”

— — — — No one like to see their sin and especially those that are not living according to God but according to themselves.

— — — — — **READ: John 3:20–21 (NAS):** For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

— — — Lastly, Jesus did not fit their expectation of the Messiah.

— — — — They expected a great conquer leading the military to take out Israels enemies.

— — — — — They did not expect the Biblical Messiah but their Messiah.

— — — — — — This reveals the shallow finite thinking of humanity as opposed to the infinite deep plan of God.

2 Pilate questioned Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” And He *answered him, “It is as you say.”

So, Pilate begins to question him which is a legal attempt at learning the truth. It is interrogation of Jesus.

— Pilate is interested in one thing that the religious leaders told him.

— — The religious leaders have brought all kinds of accusation against Jesus but Pilate asks about this one accusation.

— — — “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus response is not what Pilate expected out of a King.

— — — — Jesus affirms He is a king but as John 18:36 tells us Jesus said: **READ: John 18:36 (NAS):** 36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”

— — — — — Sproul wrote, “Jesus was saying to Pilate, ‘You have nothing to fear from Me in terms of your political power.’”

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	<p>Jesus is king of the Jews but He is also king of all things.</p> <p>— READ: Romans 14:16–17 (NAS): 16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>— READ: Revelation 11:15 (NAS): 15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”</p> <p>— READ: Zechariah 14:9 (NAS): king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.</p> <p>— READ: Colossians 1:13–14 (NAS): For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.</p> <p>— — Jesus is not the king that the religious leaders wanted but He is the king they needed.</p> <p>— — — Sometimes Jesus is not what we want but He is always what we need.</p>
<p>3 The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly.</p> <p>4 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, “Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You!”</p> <p>5 But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed</p>	<p>The religious leaders again accused Jesus of anything and everything they could in an attempt to get Pilate to convict Jesus.</p> <p>— But Jesus did not answer them.</p> <p>— — In fact Jesus amazed Pilate by not arguing back.</p> <p>— — — Pilate was in wonder of Jesus, He marveled at Jesus.</p> <p>— — — — Pilate was used to loud protests but Jesus stayed quite.</p> <p>— — — — — Akin wrote, “Once more the prophecy of Isaiah 53:7: READ: Isaiah 53:7 (NAS): 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth,” is being fulfilled.”</p>

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This is a king that I want to have ruling over me.
—One that will go to His death so that I can live.
— — ***READ: 2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (NAS):*** 14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.
—One that will create a ways for peace between the God of the universe and myself.
— — ***READ: Colossians 1:19–20 (NAS):*** 19 For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.
—One that will take me with Him for all eternity
— — ***READ: John 17:3 (NAS):*** This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

— — ***READ: John 10:27–30 (NAS):*** 27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 “I and the Father are one.”
— — — There is nothing that can be done to earn God’s favor.
— — — — ***READ: Ephesians 2:8–9 (NAS):*** 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
— — — Jesus has done everything for us we need to believe in Christ, serve Him, love Him more than anything else, and give Him our hearts.

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