**Galatians 2:20**  
I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**Ephesians 5:2**  
Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us.

**Ephesians 5:25**  
Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

**John 19:30**  
When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**John 10:17-18**  
For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 17“‘No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.”

**Matthew 26:53-54**  
Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?

**Acts 4:27-28**  
Truly, in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 27to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

**Romans 8:32**  
He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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**The Cross of Christ: Why Jesus Died**

**Mark 15**

I. The role of the R__________.

A. The Soldiers

B. The g__________

1. Pilate was convinced of the ________________

   of Jesus.

2. Pilate sought to a__________ having to make a decision

   about k__________ Jesus.

II. The role of the J__________.

A. They killed Jesus with their l__________.

B. Their motives were e__________ and f__________.

III. The role of J__________.

IV. The role of “______.”

V. The real reason Jesus died was due to His own loving e__________.
Scripture References:
(New American Standard Bible (NASB) is used unless otherwise indicated)

Mark 15:15
Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Luke 23:4
Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this Man.”

Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14and said to them, “You brought this Man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this Man regarding the charges which you make against Him. 15“No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.”

Luke 23:22
He said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him.”

Matthew 27:18-19
He knew that because of envy they had handed Him over. 19While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.”

Matthew 27:24
When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; see to that yourselves.”

John 19:11
He who delivered me up to you has the greater sin.

Acts 2:22-23
Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know - 23this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Acts 3:14-15
You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

I Thessalonians 2:14-16
You also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, 14who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all men, 16hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved; with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them to the utmost.

Matthew 27:25
All the people said, “His blood shall be on us and on our children!”

Matthew 23:31-35
So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32“Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers. 33“You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell? 34“Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, 35so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.”

John 18:29-30
Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man? 30They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you.”

Luke 23:2
They began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this Man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.”

Mark 14:21
The Son of Man is to go just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.