

The Questions At The Cross
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Introduction

1. Man exposed himself at the cross. It was clearly seen with the statements that were made to the cross and this rings true with the questions at the cross. In order to get the right answers in life we need to ask the right questions...

I. “Lord, Is It I?” (Personal)

- a. Matthew 26:17-25; Mark 14:12-21; Luke 22:21-23
 - i. This scene finds the twelve at the Last Supper. We usually never include ourselves in situations like this. Up to the end no one knew Judas, was the traitor.
 - ii. What is captivating about this scene is they all thought themselves capable! Again no one named Judas! What about us? In the church are the last to know who the problem is? Can we be objective? Do we blame others? Do we ever think of ourselves as the problem?

II. “Shall We Use The Sword?” (Force)

- a. Matthew 26:47-56; Luke 22:38, 47-53
 - i. After three years of ministry they still had two swords. Perhaps inferring physical protection?
 - ii. Force, however is sinful for it comes from pride, fear, and frustration. Peter was fighting the wrong enemy with the wrong weapon (2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:10-18; Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:12).
 - iii. Jesus said we can't change an idea with a sword!

III. “What Is Truth?” (Academic)

- a. John 18:36-38
 - i. Pilate was totally fascinated with Jesus. He knew Jesus was innocent, he was deeply impressed with him, and that he did not wish to condemn him to death – and yet he did.
 - ii. Pilate was looking at truth in the flesh and had no idea of truth. Truth is known to be lived for it is more than facts.

IV. “What Shall I Do?” (Responsibility)

- a. Matthew 27:19-28
 - i. This is the question of all eternity. We all have to face it along with Pilate. Pilate knew what was right so he tried to pass the buck to Herod. Herod passed the buck back. Pilate tried using Barabbas. Then he scourged Jesus and still he was faced with his own personal responsibility! Finally, he washed his hands of Jesus.
 - ii. We face this same hard question, “What shall I do with Jesus?” This answer will determine our life and our eternity.