

Final Hours: Condemned Matthew 27:11-26

- **Our sinful desires will naturally always reject what is true**
- **Matthew 27:11-14 11** Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” **12** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. **13** Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” **14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.
- **Matthew 27:15-18 15** Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. **16** And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. **17** So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” **18** For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.
- **Matthew 27:19 19** Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”
- **Matthew 27:20-23 20** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. **21** The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” **22** Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” **23** And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”
- **What will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?**
- **Matthew 27:26 26** Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.
- **What do you do with this truth?**
- **You shape the culture, you don’t let it shape you**
- **What will you do with Jesus?**

Starter Question: When is a time you knew the right thing to do, but you didn’t do it?

1. **Read Matthew 27:11-26**
2. **Who is Jesus to you?**
3. **What are some lies the crowd around you wants you to believe? What does Jesus say about them?**
4. **Who is someone God placed in your life to help give guidance? When is a time you listened and a time you didn’t? What were the rewards/consequences?**
5. **When is the last time you wrestled with Christ’s righteousness?**
6. **How do you feel knowing that we are all guilty for Christ being on the cross? How does that make you feel?**
7. **When is a time that Jesus used you to bring hope to someone’s life?**
8. **What can you show Jesus’ love through your life this week?**