



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of April 7, 2024*

**Sermon Text: Luke 23:1-12**

**1 Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” 3 And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” 5 But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.” 6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. 9 So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 11 And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. 12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.**

### Discussion Questions

1. Why is it so important for Luke to establish Jesus' innocence before He goes to the cross?
2. The religious leaders and crowd fully embrace sin to the point that they lie and twist the truth to see that Jesus was killed. How did they get that point? Like the religious leaders, can Christians today fall into a similar trap? How can we get to that point? Is there any way to prevent it? If so, how?
3. What were your thoughts on Pontius Pilate before hearing this sermon? Now after this sermon, has your view of him changed at all? If so, how? Also, how does knowing what kind of man he was impact your view of Jesus' innocence?

4. Although declaring Jesus innocent, Pilate and Herod passively neglect and mock Jesus. How could that happen? Although we can't see Jesus face to face today, can we passively neglect and mock Him? What does that look like, and what should our response be to it?
  
5. What does having Jesus' innocence mean to you? How will you live in light of knowing you have His innocence?