

# REMEMBERING THE CROSS

Luke 22:66-23:1-5; 13-25; 32-38

## I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Recognizing communion takes us to a remembrance of the cross:
- B. Understanding the crime by which they killed Jesus:

## II. THE TWO CRIMES THAT JESUS WAS ACCUSED OF:

- A. Blasphemy: (Accusing Jesus of claiming to be God)
  - 1. A messianic title for the "Son of Man": *Luke 22:66-69; Daniel 7:13; Ps. 110:1*
  - 2. Jesus claims to be the "I AM": *John 8:50-59; Exodus 3:14-15*
  - 3. Jesus claims that "I and the Father are one": *John 10:27-33*
  - 4. Jesus makes the claim that seeing Him is seeing the Father: *John 14:7-9*
  - 5. The term blasphemy is given to Jesus: *Matthew 26:65-66*
- B. Sedition: (Accusing Jesus of claiming to be the King)
  - 1. Accusation of not paying taxes and claiming to be a king: *Luke 23:1-2*
  - 2. The Jewish leaders align with the Roman government: *John 19:15*
  - 3. Pilate can't find fault in Jesus:

## III. THE ONE SET FREE AT THE CROSS:

- A. The substitution for Barabbas to be free and Jesus to die: *Luke 23:18-19*
- B. Barabbas is mentioned with the crime of revolt and murder:
- C. Barabbas would remember the cross as the place he was set free:

## IV. APPLICATIONS:

- A. Tonight, we want to remember what happened at the cross because it is the place where we find freedom and forgiveness through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
- B. The observance of communion is a command, and we are to take it seriously and take the time for self-reflection.