



FIRST BAPTIST

When You're Left with Only Tough Decisions

Living a Cross Centered Life Series

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1. Let _____ prevail over the loud _____ (v. 20-23)

2. _____ on to your _____ (v. 24-25)

3. _____ on being an available _____ of Jesus (v. 26)

4. _____ to what Jesus has to say to _____ (v. 27-31)
 - a. Jesus _____ enough to tell you the _____

 - b. All of our _____ rests fully on _____

²⁰Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ²¹But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

²²For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

²³But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

²⁹For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then “ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’

³¹For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Luke 23:20-31