

# **Matthew 27:1-26 –29 March 2020**

## **“Will The Truth Set You Free?”**

### **Introduction**

Christ has come into Jerusalem for the last week of His earthly ministry and life.

This is the culmination of His dedication to save our souls as the Lamb of God, our substitutionary sacrifice.

He has willingly allowed Himself to be arrested, ready to submit to the will of the Father to die on the cross

There are many people that turn their back to the truth of God and enable Jesus' path to the cross to happen

Tonight we'll see some of them and how they respond to the truth of God as presented to them in the face of Jesus Christ

**So 4 responses by people to the truth of God as presented by Jesus Christ**

# #1 – The Betrayer – Actively against the truth (Chap 27:1-10)

Read Vs 1-2

1. Jesus had just been arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before.
2. Then led to Annas, Father-in-law of the High Priest (John 18:12-14)
3. Then to Caiaphas the recognized High Priest
4. Now here in these verse before the whole Jewish Sanhedrin or Elders
5. These “religious trials” were to show blasphemy
6. Now Jesus will go to Pilate who has the civil right to execute Jesus.
7. So Jewish leaders were Betrayers to the truth
  - a. They prioritized their power/position as more important than following the truth.
  - b. Betrayers are proactive in shutting down the truth of God

## #3 – The Blind – Passively against the truth (Chap 27:20-26)

Read Vs 20-21

1. Elders “persuaded” them to ask for Barabbas
  - a. Root word is ‘faith’ means *caused them to believe*.
  - b. They’re all standing outside Pilate judgement hall, there was no logic or prayer that went into this decision.

Read Vs 22-24

1. This is a mob scene, the people are just blindly following their leaders.
2. Jesus spoke truth to the Pharisees and they were often offended.
  - a. Read Matt 15:14
3. So the masses play the role of the Blind
  - a. They prioritize their leaders higher than truth
  - b. They passively ignore the truth, to destruction

## Read Vs 25-26

1. In there blind following of their leaders they become a part of guiltiness themselves
2. As Christianity spreads in Acts 5, Peter is thrown in jail.
  - a. Read Act 5:28
3. Interesting that these leaders used the masses to scream crucify Him, but didn't want' to be associated with the guilt of condemning Christ.
4. I like following a leader (Jesus) that take full responsibility Himself!
  - a. He takes our burden
  - b. He doesn't give us guilt, but takes it away!