

## **“When Evil Prevails”**

New Hope Community Church

March 20th, 2022

**Luke 23:1-12**

### **A. The Accusers of Jesus (1-7)**

1. They were obsessed with their intent to **destroy** Jesus
2. They were willing to fabricate **false** charges
3. They were willing to betray their own belief system in **hypocrisy**

### **B. The Authorities Examining Jesus**

1. Pilate, the Roman Governor (1-7)
  - **His motivation was not justice**
  - **He saw his opportunity to escape responsibility**
2. Herod, the Jewish ruler over the region of Galilee (8-12)
  - **His motivation was curiosity, not justice**
  - **He had no interest in the truth about Jesus**
3. Friendships are often formed over shared **evil** values

### **Personal Reflection**

How are we to navigate a world of evil rulers? Read I Peter 2:21-25

- 1) Jesus set for us an **example** (21)  
We are to follow “in His steps”
- 2) He was perfect and without any **guilt** (22)  
We like to compare “down”, but really we’re to compare “up”
- 3) He kept His attention on the Kingdom of **Heaven** (23)  
“entrusted Himself to the righteous judge — God”
- 4) He endured injustice so that we might live to **righteousness** (24,25)  
We were “healed”, delivered from the sickness of sin

Let us follow our Shepherd as we suffer unjustly for righteousness!

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Life Group Discussion Questions

Week of March 20, 2022

Read Luke 23:1-12 together.

1. Describe the characteristics of the accusers of Jesus.
2. Pilate and Herod were motivated by what as they examined Jesus ?
3. As followers of Jesus, how are we to navigate a world of evil rulers ?

How can we pray for you this week?