### The background on "Each of Us"



- 1. Each of us is created in the image of God and has eternal worth to Him.
- 2. Each of us has turned to his/her own way.

# 53:4 53:5 53:5 53:6

### Persons of Interest

- 1. Caiaphas, the Jewish High Priest
- 2. Judas, a disciple of Jesus
- 3. Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor
- 4. Unidentified person or persons

## The Case Against "Each of Us"

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

3. Each of us is a part of one of two perilous groups.

The unrighteous

The self-righteous

Luke 18:9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The

Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The possible motives of "Each of Us"

- 1. Each of us wants our own way.
- 2. Each of us wants to be our own god.

Genesis 3:5 "...you will be like God..."

The mode of operation of "Each of Us"

- 1. to cover up
- 2. to blame others

Pilate washed his hands.

Judas tried to give the money back. Caiaphas wouldn't touch it.

#### A Timeless Lesson:

1. Each of us is either trusting in our own righteousness or Christ's righteousness.