



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW



# PAVING THE WAY

Matthew 27:11–14, 24–26



## PAVING THE WAY

- #1 | Ruthless Slander**
- #2 | Riotous Screaming**
- #3 | Reckless Savagery**
- #4 | Regal Silence**



# #1 | RUTHLESS SLANDER

Matthew 27:11–14



<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

“Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said,

“You have said so.”



<sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.



**13** Then Pilate said to him,

“Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”

**14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.



- 17** “Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”
- 18** But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,  
“Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?”
- 19** Show me the coin for the tax.”



And they brought him a denarius.

<sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them,

“Whose likeness and inscription is this?”



<sup>21</sup> They said,  
“Caesar's.”

Then he said to them,

“Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”



**22** When they heard it, they marveled.  
And they left him and went away.



# #1 | RUTHLESS SLANDER

Matthew 27:11–14



# RUTHLESS SLANDER

**The Jewish Leaders' Ruthless Slander leads  
to Jesus' Crucifixion**



# #2 | RIOTOUS SCREAMING

Matthew 27:24–25



**24** So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

“I am innocent of this man's blood;  
see to it yourselves.”



**25** And all the people answered,

“His blood be on us  
and on our children!”



<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to **ask for Barabbas** and **destroy Jesus**.



<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup> But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be **an uproar** among the people.”

# Riotous Screaming



# Deuteronomy 21:1, 6–7

<sup>1</sup> “If in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess someone is found slain, lying in the open country, and it is not known who killed him,



⁶ And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man shall **wash their hands** over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley, <sup>7</sup> and they shall testify,

‘Our hands **did not shed this blood**,  
nor did our eyes see it shed.



<sup>16</sup> And David said to him,

**“Your blood be on your head,**  
for your own mouth has testified against you,  
saying, **‘I have killed** the Lord's anointed.’”



<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.



6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them,

**“Your blood be on your own heads!  
I am innocent.**

From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”



# #2 | RIOTOUS SCREAMING

Matthew 27:24–25



# RIOTOUS SCREAMING

**The Crowd's Riotous Screaming leads  
to Jesus' Crucifixion**



# #3 | RECKLESS SAVAGERY

Matthew 27:26



**26** Then **he released**  
for them  
**Barabbas,**  
and **Jesus,**  
having scourged  
**he delivered** to be crucified.



## Mark 15

<sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed **murder** in the **insurrection**, there was a man called Barabbas.

## Luke 23

<sup>19</sup> a man who had been thrown into prison for an **insurrection** started in the city and for **murder**.



**55** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

“Have you come out **as against a robber [ληστής]**,  
with swords and clubs to capture me?

Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,  
and you did not seize me.



**56** “But all this has taken place  
that the Scriptures of the prophets  
might be fulfilled.”



<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and **was numbered with the transgressors;**



**38** Then **two robbers** [ληστής] were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.



# #3 | RECKLESS SAVAGERY

Matthew 27:26



# RECKLESS SAVAGERY

**Pilate's Reckless Savagery leads  
to Jesus' Crucifixion**



# #4 | REGAL SILENCE

Matthew 27:14



**14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.



<sup>7</sup> He was **oppressed**, and he was **afflicted**,  
yet he **opened not his mouth**;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is **silent**,  
so he **opened not his mouth**.



**53** Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?



<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us also **lay aside every weight,**

and **sin** which clings so closely,

and let us **run with endurance**

**the race** that is set before us,



**<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus,**

the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him

**endured the cross,**

despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the throne of God.



# #4 | REGAL SILENCE

Matthew 27:14



# REGAL SILENCE

**Jesus' Regal Silence leads  
to his own Crucifixion**



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# Everything leads to Jesus' Crucifixion



# CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

**When we encounter ruthless slander, riotous screaming, and reckless savagery. . .**

**Look to Jesus & Run the Race**



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