

# **THE STORY INSIDE THE STORY**

*Luke 22:63- 23:25*

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### Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

<sup>63</sup> The guards in charge of Jesus began mocking and beating him. <sup>64</sup> They blindfolded him and said, “Prophecy to us! Who hit you that time?” <sup>65</sup> And they hurled all sorts of terrible insults at him.

### Jesus before the Council

<sup>66</sup> At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council, <sup>67</sup> and they said, “Tell us, are you the Messiah?”

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But he replied, “If I tell you, you won’t believe me. <sup>68</sup> And if I ask you a question, you won’t answer. <sup>69</sup> But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God’s right hand.”

<sup>70</sup> They all shouted, “So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?”

And he replied, “You say that I am.”

<sup>71</sup> “Why do we need other witnesses?” they said. “We ourselves heard him say it.”

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### Luke 23

#### Jesus' Trial before Pilate

<sup>1</sup> Then the entire council took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. <sup>2</sup> They began to state their case: "This man has been leading our people astray by telling them not to pay their taxes to the Roman government and by claiming he is the Messiah, a king." <sup>3</sup> So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus replied, "You have said it."

<sup>4</sup> Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, "I find nothing wrong with this man!"

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<sup>5</sup> Then they became insistent. “But he is causing riots by his teaching wherever he goes—all over Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem!”

<sup>6</sup> “Oh, is he a Galilean?” Pilate asked. <sup>7</sup> When they said that he was, Pilate sent him to Herod Antipas, because Galilee was under Herod’s jurisdiction, and Herod happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.

<sup>8</sup> Herod was delighted at the opportunity to see Jesus, because he had heard about him and had been hoping for a long time to see him perform a miracle.

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<sup>9</sup> He asked Jesus question after question, but Jesus refused to answer. <sup>10</sup> Meanwhile, the leading priests and the teachers of religious law stood there shouting their accusations. <sup>11</sup> Then Herod and his soldiers began mocking and ridiculing Jesus. Finally, they put a royal robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> (Herod and Pilate, who had been enemies before, became friends that day.)

<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate called together the leading priests and other religious leaders, along with the people, <sup>14</sup> and he announced his verdict.

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“You brought this man to me, accusing him of leading a revolt. I have examined him thoroughly on this point in your presence and find him innocent. <sup>15</sup> Herod came to the same conclusion and sent him back to us. Nothing this man has done calls for the death penalty. <sup>16</sup> So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.”

<sup>18</sup> Then a mighty roar rose from the crowd, and with one voice they shouted, “Kill him, and release Barabbas to us!” <sup>19</sup>  
(Barabbas was in prison for taking part in an insurrection in Jerusalem against the government, and for murder.)

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<sup>20</sup> Pilate argued with them, because he wanted to release Jesus.

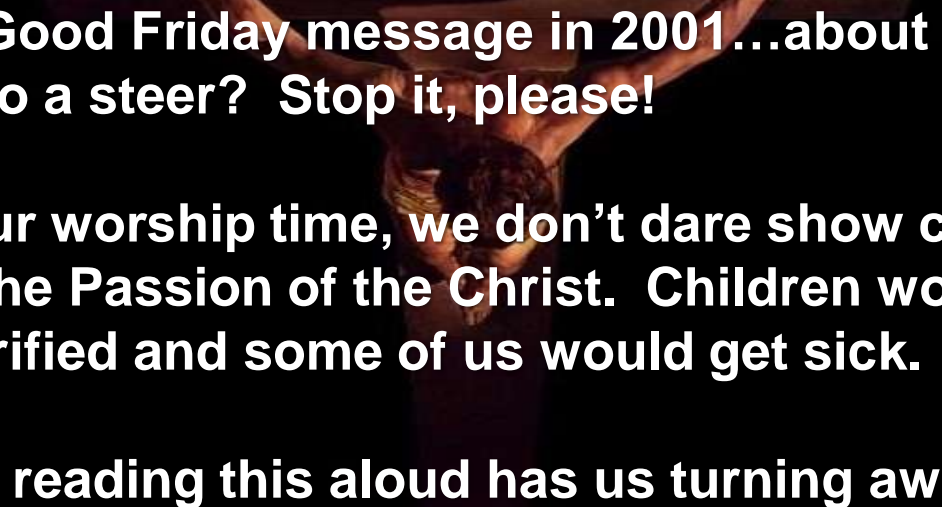
<sup>21</sup> But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

<sup>22</sup> For the third time he demanded, “Why? What crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him.”

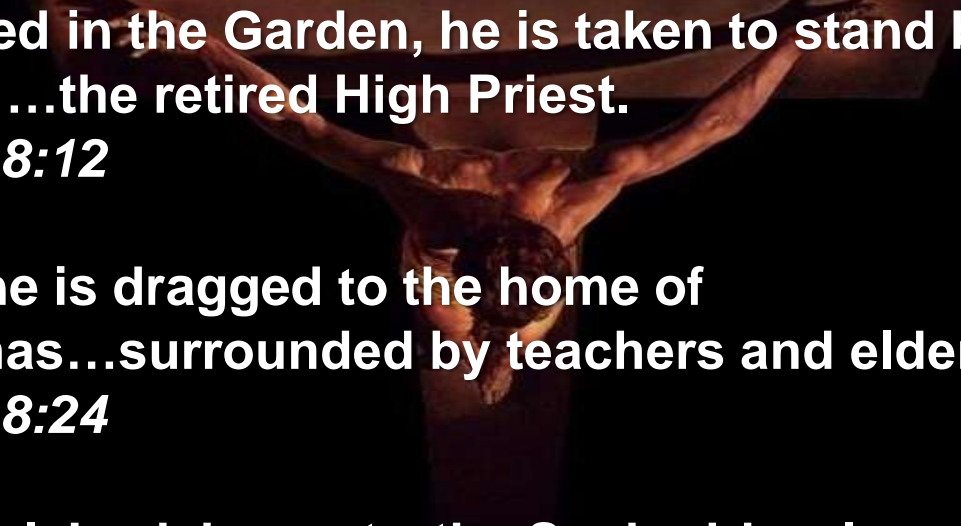
<sup>23</sup> But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded. <sup>25</sup> As they had requested, he released Barabbas, the man in prison for insurrection and murder. But he turned Jesus over to them to do as they wished.

- ❖ Finally...all of the horrid predictions of Isaiah 53 are played out in black and blue.
- ❖ Good Friday was about more than a cross and nails. Whips, a thorny crown and a beating were the dark prelude to Calvary.
- ❖ And to think that release from it all was a mere prayer away.
- ❖ How do I fit into this bloody picture?

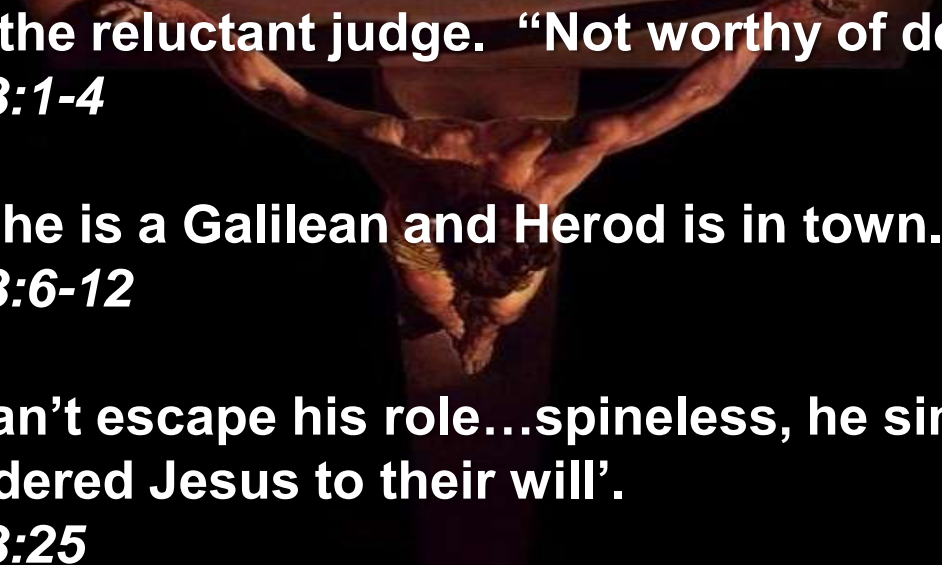
# **We Don't Want To Ponder These Events Too Long ...Who Can Stomach It?**

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- ❖ **My Good Friday message in 2001...about how to kill to a steer? Stop it, please!**
  - ❖ **In our worship time, we don't dare show clips from The Passion of the Christ. Children would be horrified and some of us would get sick.**
  - ❖ **Just reading this aloud has us turning away.**

## **Between 1:30 In The Wee Hours To 9:30 Mid-Morning ...A Travesty Of Justice**

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- 1. Arrested in the Garden, he is taken to stand before Annas ...the retired High Priest.  
*John 18:12***
  - 2. Then he is dragged to the home of Caiaphas...surrounded by teachers and elders.  
*John 18:24***
  - 3. The final Jewish court...the Sanhedrin...Israel's Supreme Court. "He's worthy of death!"  
*Matthew 26:66***

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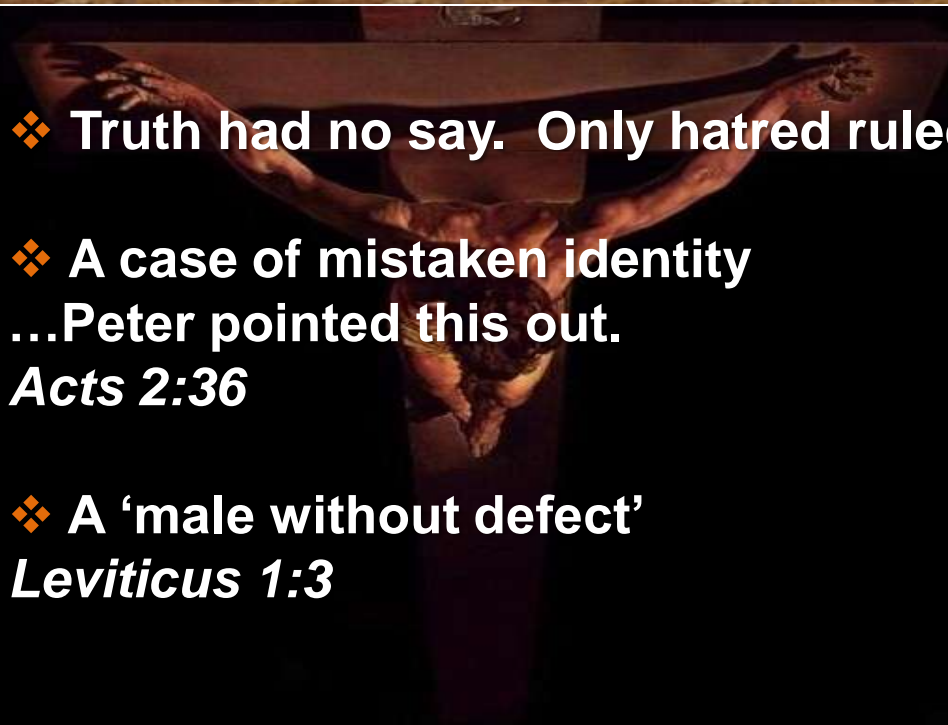
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- 4. Pilate...the reluctant judge. “Not worthy of death!”  
*Luke 23:1-4***
  - 5. Oh, but he is a Galilean and Herod is in town.  
*Luke 23:6-12***
  - 6. Pilate can’t escape his role...spineless, he simply  
‘surrendered Jesus to their will’.  
*Luke 23:25***

# Jesus Went To The Cross With A Judgement Of 'Innocent'

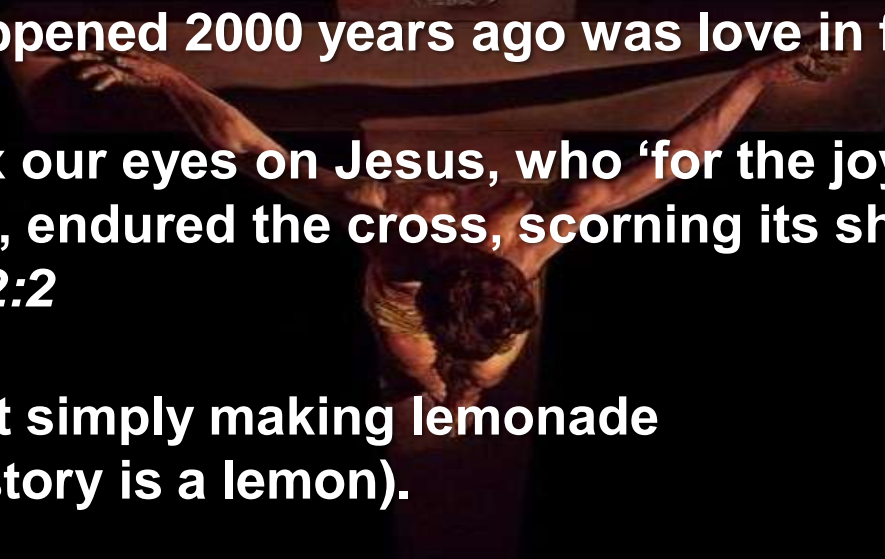
❖ Truth had no say. Only hatred ruled.

❖ A case of mistaken identity  
...Peter pointed this out.  
*Acts 2:36*

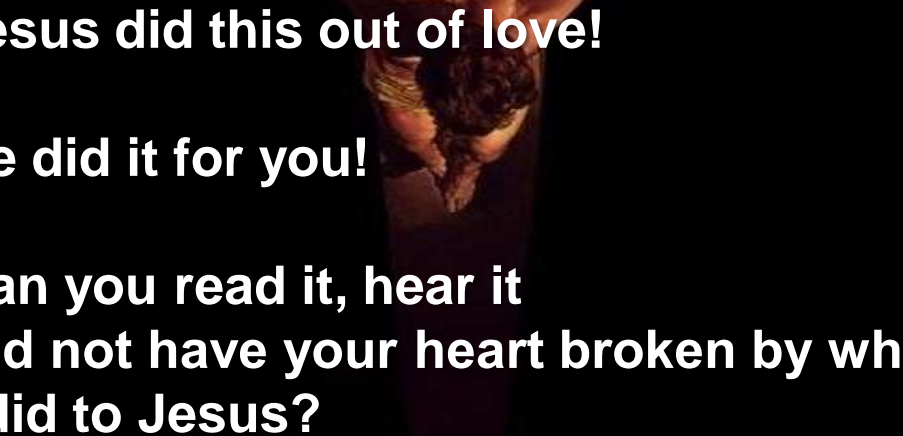
❖ A 'male without defect'  
*Leviticus 1:3*

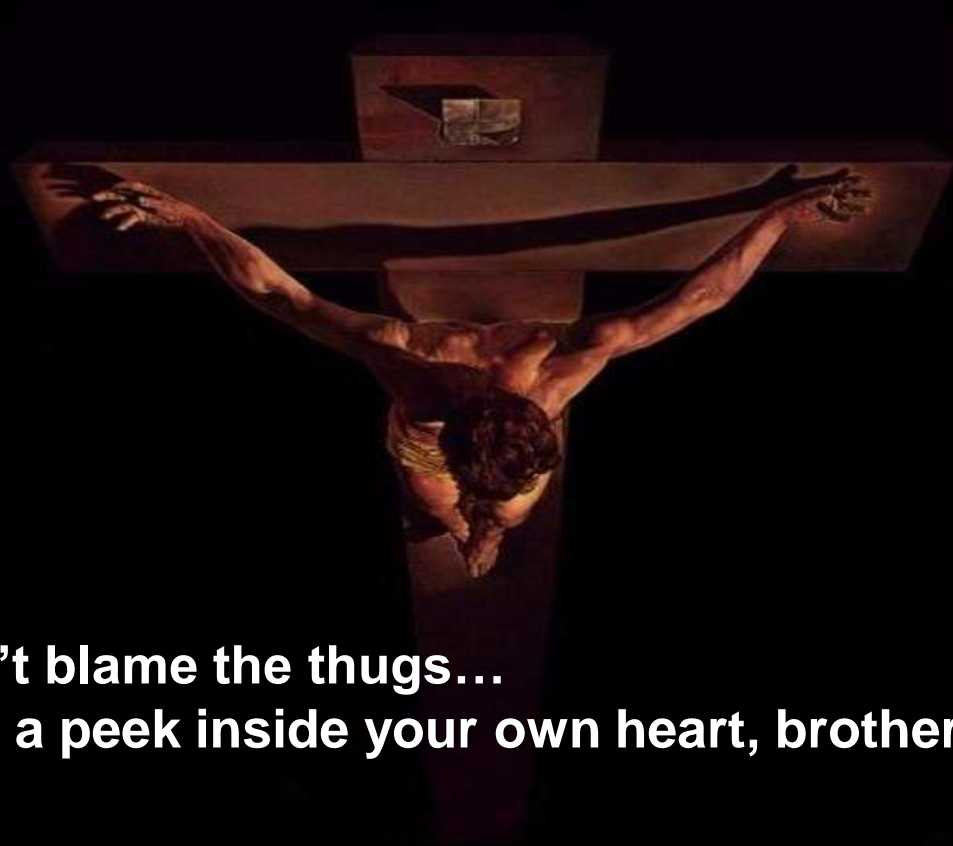


# I Need To Focus On Jesus Doing His Best, Rather Than Humans Doing Their Worst

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- ❖ What happened 2000 years ago was love in full bloom.
  - ❖ Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, who 'for the joy set before him', endured the cross, scorning its shame'.  
*Hebrews 12:2*
  - ❖ We aren't simply making lemonade (since the story is a lemon).
  - ❖ This is a horrible/wonderful record of loving beating hatred and truth winning out over lies.  
*John 3:16, Acts 2:23*

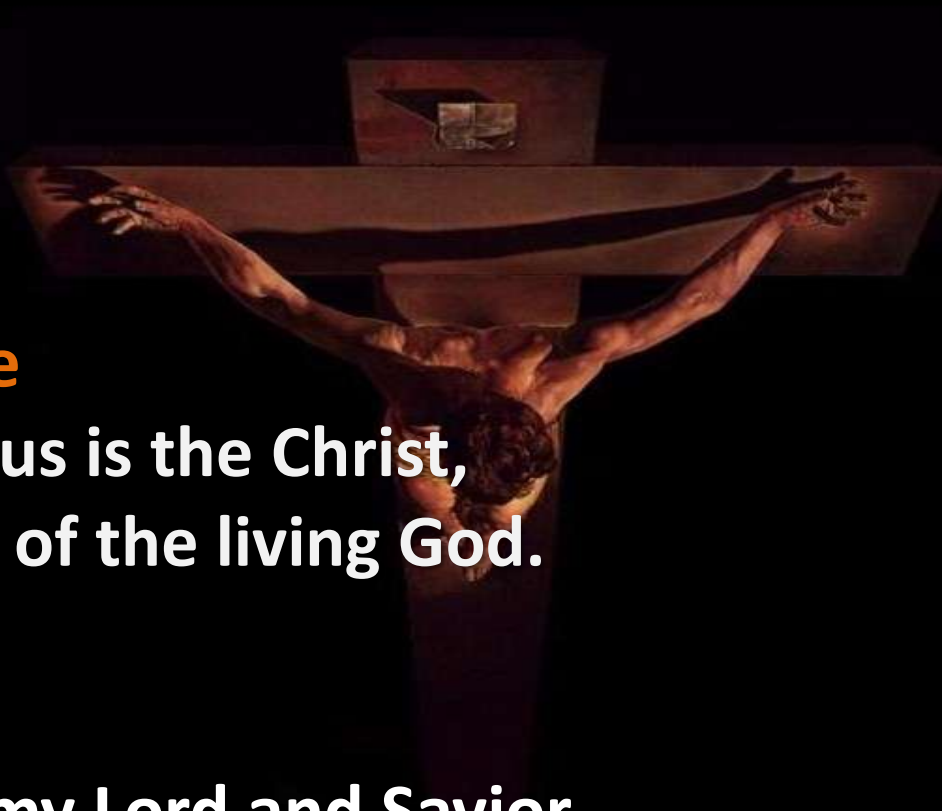
**I Need To Ever Keep Focused On The Love In Jesus' Eyes. I Could Be Distracted By The Sound Of Spitting, Punching And Flesh Being Torn**

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- ❖ **Jesus did this out of love!**
  - ❖ **He did it for you!**
  - ❖ **Can you read it, hear it  
...and not have your heart broken by what  
sin did to Jesus?**



**Don't blame the thugs...  
take a peek inside your own heart, brother!**

# Confession



**I believe**  
that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.

**I trust**  
him as my Lord and Savior.

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# Prayer





**GO KNOWING THE ONE  
WHO DIED FOR YOU**