



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Luke 23:13-25 (NAS)

Topic: "Previous Sins Preventing What We Know Is Right"  
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13 Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people,  
14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.  
15 "No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.  
16 "Therefore I will punish Him and release Him."  
17 [Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.]  
18 But they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!"  
19 (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.)  
20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again,  
21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!"  
22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him."  
23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail.  
24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted.  
25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder. but he delivered Jesus to their will.

### **I. MAKING BAD DECISIONS**

- A. Pilate's Decision Was The Epitome Of Bad Decisions
- B. He Knew Jesus Was Not Guilty

### **II. REASON BEHIND BAD DECISIONS**

- A. People Pleaser
- B. Attempted To Appease The People
  - 1. Scourging Jesus
  - 2. He attempted a substitution with Barabbas
- C. God's Plan Was Not Thwarted *Acts 4:27-28*

### **III. PAST SIN MAY EFFECT PRESENT ACTIONS**

- A. Desire To Keep Evil Hidden
- B. The Pressure Of Disclosure

### **IV. GOD DESIRES TO SET US FREE FROM THE POWER OF PAST SIN**

- A. Sin Is First Against God *Psalm 51:4*
- B. Confession Points Us To Christ *Hebrews 9:22; Psalm 51:7*
- C. Confess Sin To The Injured Parties
- D. When Sin Is Exposed The Pressure Of Manipulation Is Removed

### **V. SET YOUR DESIRES ON THE THINGS OF GOD** *Matthew 6:33*

- A. Pilate Chose The Things Of The World
- B. Consider What The Lord Wants First
- C. Do Not Seek Peace At Any Cost *Romans 12:8; Acts 4:18-2; Galatians 1:10*
- D. Keep Your Conscience Tender