

MESSAGE NOTES

The Gospel of Luke
"Standing Before The Judge"
(Text: Luke 23:1-25)

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1. _____ (Luke 23:1-5)

Three charges:

1. "We found this man _____ our _____."
2. "Forbidding to _____ to Caesar."
3. "Saying that he himself is _____, a _____."

2. _____ (Luke 23:6-16)

The fact Jesus was from _____ called for
a _____ of _____.

3. _____ (Luke 23:18-25)

The trial and death of Jesus revealed both
the wicked _____ of _____
and the gracious _____ of _____.

CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of September 15, 2019

GETTING STARTED _____

1. Have you ever been asked to serve as a judge (e.g., an event or competition)? Talk about your experience. What's the hardest part of being a good judge?

2. Has there ever been a time you were accused of doing something you did not do (at home, at work, in your family)? How did it make you feel?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. Pilate declared he did not find Jesus “guilty of any of your charges against him” (**Luke 23:14**). Why is Jesus’ innocence important (**1 Peter 2:19-24; Hebrews 7:26-27**)? How did Jesus react in the midst of all He suffered?

2. Although Pilate and Herod both found Jesus innocent, why did Pilate finally give in to the leaders? What does that reveal about the power of social pressure?

What can we do to keep ourselves from being like Pilate in this situation?

3. While it can be hard to remember in the moment, God has a plan for dealing with injustice that supersedes our own. What hope do the following verses give us in how God deals with those who are unjust?

- **Proverbs 11:8**
- **Proverbs 22:22-23**
- **Ephesians 5:6**

4. In addition to the knowledge that God will deal with those who are unjust, it's important to understand what our role is as well. What does the Bible teach our response should be when we encounter injustice (**Romans 12:17-21**)?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. Read **Romans 5:6-11**. Why do we need to be reconciled to God? What separates us from Him? How did Jesus accomplish this ministry of reconciliation?

2. As God's people, what does He require of us (**Micah 6:8**)? What does it look like to “seek justice” in our world today?