

"Pilate: A Slave to the Fear of Man"
Luke 23:18-25; Matthew 27:15-31; John 19:1-16

*"The **fear of man** lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe." (Proverbs 29:25); "Cursed is the man who **trusts in man** and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD...he shall not see any good come." (Jeremiah 17:5-6)*

- Matthew 27:15-26:
 - *"Now at the feast (Passover) the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted."*
 - The goal of this practice was to calm the tensions between Rome and the nations they had conquered.
 - *"A notorious prisoner called Barabbas..."*
 - Barabbas was a thief (John 18:40), a murderer and an insurrectionist (Luke 23:25).
 - *"For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered up (Christ)."*
 - Pilate realized it was not out of love for justice, or Caesar, or their religion, but love for themselves that they had brought these charges on Jesus.
 - *"Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd..."*
 - *"Then you shall do according to what (the priests) declare to you...And you shall be careful to do according to all that they direct you...according to the decision which they pronounce to you, you shall do." (Deuteronomy 17:8-13)*
 - *"He took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.'"*
 - *"For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad...for he is God's servant for your good...For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer." (Romans 13:3-4)*
- John 19:1-16:
 - *"Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him..."*
 - Flogging would continue till those administering it were exhausted, were commanded to stop, or the man being flogged died.
 - *"According to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God."*
 - *"Then the high priest tore his robes and said, 'He has uttered blasphemy...what is your judgment?' They answered, 'He deserves death.'" (Matthew 26:65-66)*
 - *"So Pilate said to Him, 'You will not speak to me?'"*
 - *"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet **He opened not His mouth**; like a lamb that was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers are silent, so **He opened not His mouth**." (Isaiah 53:7)*
 - *"When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued **entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly**." (1 Peter 2:23)*

Worship: God Is For Us — *CityAlight*
Jesus Paid It All — *Sovereign Grace Music*

What A Friend We Have In Jesus — *Various Artists*
Closing Song: Christ Is Mine Forevermore — *CityAlight*

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum 6pm;
Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS: Monetary Donations for Angel Tree:** Please see the October Newsletter for more information about our monthly donation collection!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY, immediately following the worship service. We invite EVERYONE to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**BAPTISMS:** We are having a Baptism Service NEXT Sunday, October 11th. If you are interested in being baptized, or if you have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, Elder Jake, or Elder Mike.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is NEXT Sunday, October 11th, from 5:30 to 7pm. We invite and encourage everyone to join us for this time of prayer as we will be praying for specific requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry **AND** the Cleaning Ministry are looking for volunteers to join their ministries. If you are a Church Member and you would like to join the Children's Ministry, or have questions about volunteering in this ministry, please see Katie Sapp! If you are interested in joining the Cleaning Ministry, or have questions about volunteering for this ministry, please see Krystal.

★*For all other announcements, please see the October Newsletter!*