

# Message Notes

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*The Cross & the Crown*

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# Message Outline

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### **I. What some do with Jesus . . .**

1. The Envious Chief Priests
2. The Persuaded Crowds
3. The Abdicating Pilate

### **II. What shall we do with Jesus?**

1. We must be more than intrigued by Jesus, we must decide about Jesus.
2. We must buck and break away from the crowd.
3. We must let Jesus disappoint and reshape our expectations.
4. We must let Jesus threaten us and rule us.

### **III. Why shall we do these with things with Jesus?**

1. Because He is innocent, yet silent . . . for us.
2. Because we are all Barabbas.
3. Because He wore our crown of sin.

## **Growth Group Understanding Questions**

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1. Read Matthew 27:11-32. Identify the parties and their respective responses to Jesus. What do they “do” with him? In contrast, what does Jesus do when accused and questioned by His enemies?
2. To add some detail, read John 18:28-19:15 and Luke 23:1-25. What details does Matthew omit? Why does Pilate offer to release Barabbas? What is his intent? How and why does it backfire?
3. Read Isaiah 53. Which verses do you think directly relate and connect to our narrative in this message? Now read 1 Peter 2:21-25. What does this text tell us?
4. Pilate thinks that Jesus is innocent, so why does he finally wash his hands and order Him to be crucified according to John 19:12? What is Pilate’s issue?
5. When the Roman guards put a crown of thorns on Jesus’ head, what are they doing? Speaking of thorns, what do thorns represent way back in Genesis 3:18? What are thorns the result of? If we connect these two passages, what do we see?

## **Growth Group Application Questions**

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1. What was new and most challenging in the text/message this week and why?
2. Pilate asks in 27:22, “What shall I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?” Everyone is doing something with Jesus. What do you see people around you doing with Jesus?
3. The Chief Priests are threatened by and envious of Jesus. Why is Jesus a threat to people today? Is Jesus really a legitimate threat? In what ways?
4. The crowds are easily persuaded about Jesus because they are disappointed with Jesus. What expectations do we have of Jesus when we come to Him? Why must we both buck the crowd and let Jesus reshape our expectations of Him?
5. Pilate is intrigued by Jesus, but undecided about Jesus. Do you see this in the people you see around you today? What must we decide about Jesus? Why is that hard in today’s world?
6. How are the silence of Jesus, Barabbas, and the crown of thorns all hints and pointers to the Gospel?