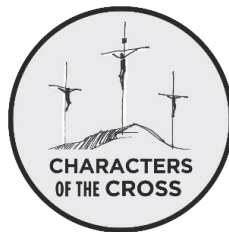


# WHO KILLED JESUS?

Acts 17:1-15

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1. Caiaphas represents those that are HOSTILE to Jesus as MESSIAH. (vv. 1-9)
2. Nicodemus represents those who EXPLORE the Gospel of Jesus and their RESPONSE is unclear. (vv. 10-12)
3. Joseph of Arimathea represents those who EMBRACE and FOLLOW the LORDSHIP of Jesus. (vv. 13-15)
4. Jesus died and rose again because it was NECESSARY for our salvation and was an EXPRESSION of God's MERCY and steadfast LOVE. (v. 3)



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## Further Up, Further In

1. How should the church think about its historic treatment of Jewish people?
2. How should we respond to people when they mention that Christians (e.g. Martin Luther) who say or do evil things, or that people, in the name of Christianity (e.g. Hitler) do evil things in the name of Christianity? Matt. 27:25
3. Reflect on the responses of Caiaphas, how does this reflect those who are hostile to the message of Jesus today? John 18:12-14, Matt. 26:57-68, Numbers 11:16, Matt. 10:34-36, Mark 12:10-11.
4. Discuss Nicodemus' journey from curiosity to seeking truth and with an unknown end. When you encounter people like this, what do you do? John 3:1-21, 7:45-52, John 19:39.
5. What lessons can we learn from Joseph of Arimathea's boldness in standing up for Jesus despite potential consequences? How can we demonstrate similar courage and commitment to Jesus in our own lives? Luke 23:50, Deut. 21:22-23.
6. How do you respond to the question: "Who killed Jesus?" Is. 53:10, John 10:18, Mark 10:45, Luke 22:20, 1 Cor. 1:23, 1 Cor. 15:3.

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