

Shackled Sovereign: The Gospel in Microcosm

Luke 23:1-25

Jesus is **KING**, not a **POLITICAL REVOLUTIONARY**

(vv 1-7)

Jesus is **LORD**, not a **GENIE** in a **BOTTLE**

(vv 8-12)

Jesus is **SAVIOR**, not a **HELPLESS VICTIM**

(vv 12-25)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Since His arrest, Jesus has had false accusations and trials come His way over and over. Why do you think that He doesn't defend Himself?
Luke 9:51; Luke 18:31-34; Isaiah 53:7
2. Herod was hoping to see a sign performed by Jesus. What should the Christian relationship be with "signs and wonders" from God?
Luke 11:16, 29; 1 Corinthians 1:20-25; 2 Peter 1:3
3. Consider Pilate's situation. Is he evil? Cowardly? Tragic? Indecisive? Calloused? Pragmatic? What about Herod? What about the Sanhedrin? What about the crowd?
4. What caused the crowd to turn on Jesus so quickly (from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify!")? In what ways can you be like this with God when you don't see/understand His plan?
5. How does seeing a guilty man (Barabbas) go free make you feel? What about as a picture of your own salvation? Consider the substitutionary nature of Jesus' atonement.
2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:24-25
6. Read Acts 17:1-7. How can you "turn the world upside down" in your circle of influence this week? To whom can you proclaim that "there is another king, Jesus"?

