

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM JULY 21, 2013

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Mark 15:9-13

“Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead. Answering again, Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?”



How many times do we ask ourselves, “What am I to do?” The answer is often to answer the crowds – our friends, family and those whose opinion we value. Usually our decisions are to cede responsibility for our actions to popular opinion and cultural standards. It is often easier to keep our finger on the pulse of society as long as it costs us nothing. We want to satisfy the expectations of our friends; even we know their desire to be less than honorable. How often do we sit in the seat of Pilate? We ask the right question- “What shall I do then with Jesus?” But we get the answer wrong.

In the quiet of our own mind and souls we prefer Jesus to the envious and manipulating religious leaders and the rebellious Barabbas, but in the noise of real life we never move further. It is easier to risk nothing than it is to stand next to Jesus in the noise. The difference is whether Jesus is king of the Jews or He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. A king of some other people can be deferred to when it is convenient, but the King of Kings and Lord of Lords requires our utmost devotion and loyalty. In Pilate’s mind, this crucial moment in God’s dealing with mankind’s sinful nature was just another day in his long tenure of dealing with the squabbles of the troublesome Jews.

Jesus took the place of a condemned man. He did not volunteer to die in the place of Barabbas, but was chosen by God to die for all sinful mankind. Jesus took up the bitter cup and took the place of a murderer and all humanity on the cross. To be the victim of leaders who have no moral compass would be difficult for anyone to abide. But it would be particularly difficult for one who brought about so much good in the lives of people. And still every day we turn our eyes away so we can pretend not to see what is taking place. And on this dark day, no one stands up to say stop.

How much have we learned since the day the crowds shouted for the release of Barabbas and for the crucifixion of Jesus? We still prefer the one who represents our narrow personal hopes. Barabbas appeals to our personal interest, with violence if necessary. Jesus holds out a kingdom that will require personal sacrifice and perseverance in this life. One path allows us to defer to the blowing wind of public perception. And when others use tools we do not agree with, that is just the cost of doing business. The other path requires we trust God at a personal cost. We gladly trust God for the afterlife, but do we trust God enough with the here and now if we have to suffer? Do we fear not only the physical pain, but also the blast of disapproval from friends, family and culture when we answer the question of what we will do with Jesus Christ?

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“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.”

Hebrews 11:1-2

Words & Music: Adapted from an African-American spiritual by Charles D. Tillman, who first heard it at an 1889 camp meeting in Lexington, South Carolina. This song was sung in the Academy Award winning movie *Sergeant York* (1941).



Charles D. Tillman (1861-1943)

Refrain

'Tis the old time religion,
(or Give me that old time religion)
'Tis the old time religion,
'Tis the old time religion,
And it's good enough for me.

It was good for our mothers.
It was good for our mothers.
It was good for our mothers.
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

Makes me love everybody.
Makes me love everybody.
Makes me love everybody.
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

It has saved our fathers.
It has saved our fathers.
It has saved our fathers.
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

It will do when I am dying.
It will do when I am dying.
It will do when I am dying.
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

It will take us all to Heaven.
It will take us all to Heaven.
It will take us all to Heaven.
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

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July 2013

July 21 8:45 a.m. Pastor Andrew Kikkert – Mark 15:1-21
Pilate, Politics & the Prince

10:30 a.m. Second Hour

July 26 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship

July 28 8:45 a.m. Pastor Andrew Kikkert – Mark 16:1-20
He is Alive!

10:45 a.m. Second Hour

Aug. 2-3

Hope for Today

Israel and Bible Prophecy Conference

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Contact Pastor Andrew Kikkert

The Cost of Discipleship –

‘What shall I do then with Jesus?’ Teen locked up for faith

MISSION NEWS NETWORK [HTTP://WWW.MNNONLINE.ORG/ARTICLE/18765](http://www.mnnonline.org/article/18765)

Indonesia (MNN) 17-year-old Kasih* has been locked in her room for three months now. Her crime? Claiming Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Kasih recently made a decision to follow the Lord, according to the International Mission Board (IMB). She knew what this decision would cost. When she shared her faith in Christ with her Hindu family, they inflicted persecution on her. Kasih managed to escape, but she was rediscovered by her family three months ago and locked away in her room.

Kasih and her family are Balinese living in Indonesia. The Balinese people group is a “least reached” people group as ranked by The Joshua Project. Less than 2% have accepted Christ. Furthermore, the Open Doors World Watch List labels Indonesia as a country with moderate persecution of believers in Jesus Christ.

Within her particular village, Kasih is the first believer. The IMB reports that her family thinks in time, she will forget Jesus if they cut off her contact with other believers.

The family keeps taking Kasih to a witchdoctor to convert her back to Hinduism. But she refuses to deny God and return to her family’s Hindu gods.

The IMB shares Kasih’s words: “You know, the witchdoctor is big, but I am not afraid because I have Jesus, and He is bigger.”

Please pray that Kasih will continue to stand up boldly for Jesus and that many from her family and village will come to know Him as a result.

**Name changed to protect identity*

