



## SERMON NOTES

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# WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR JESUS' DEATH?

## THE SANHEDRIN:

- ✓ Supreme Council of Jews, controlled civil and religious law.
- ✓ 71 members
- ✓ Made up of Pharisees and Sadducees.
- ✓ Head: High priest, who at the time of Jesus' trial was called Caiaphas.
- ✓ Controlled issues, concerns and affairs of Jewish people in Palestine.
- ✓ Did not have power to give death sentence (only the Romans had that power).

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- **Judas:** Betrayed Jesus to religious leaders and gave them opportunity to arrest him (Mt.26:14-16).
- **Pilate:** Sentenced Jesus to death even though he thought he was innocent. He knew that the religious leaders were jealous of Jesus but he wanted to prevent a riot (Mt.27:17-18,23-24).
- **The Disciples:** Did not defend Jesus, but instead ran away during his arrest. They were not present at his trials or his crucifixion (Mt.26:31,56 NLT; TPT).
- **The Crowd:** The crowd, stirred up by the religious leaders, asked for Barabbas to be released and shouted "Crucify him!" (Lk.23:13-20).
- **Religious Leaders:** Jealous of Jesus' popularity. They were angered by the laws that Jesus broke and the criticisms he made of them. They did not believe he was the Messiah and they wanted him dead.

## IT WAS ALL PART OF GOD'S PLAN:

- By the deliberate rejection and murder of Jesus, God affected His gracious plan to fully satisfy the sin debt of the world.
- At Pentecost Peter said, "This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross." - Acts 2:23.



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- Later he wrote, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.” - I Pet. 3:18
- Justice would have been served if we were the ones beaten, mocked and spat on. We deserve the nails that were driven into His hands and feet. We are the guilty ones...the sheep gone astray. We are the rebels whose sin separates us from God...not Jesus.
- Every detail of Calvary was orchestrated in the eternal counsels of Heaven. II Cor. 5:21 declares, God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
- The injustice Jesus suffered, He suffered for you and me.
- *What a wonderful Savior is Jesus!*
- When life seems tough and even friends turn against you, the writer of Hebrews has a word for us. Heb. 12:3 - Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

#### **NOTABLE PHARISEES:**

1. Joseph of Arimathea (Lk.23:50-53).
2. Nicodemus (Jn.3:1; 19:39-40).
3. Paul (Ac.23:6; Ph.3:5).

#### **CONCLUSION:**

- Here’s a question for you...*in whose hands do you see your life?*
- Do you see yourself at the mercy of fickle circumstances over which you have no control? (All things are working for your good).
- Do you see yourself the pawn of people who don’t always have your best interests in mind?
- Seeing and placing our lives in God’s hands is a matter of faith, not sight.
- Jesus entrusted His whole life into the hands of His Father (Lk.23:46).
- Even when men did their worst, He rested in His Father’s love.  
And from cover to cover the Bible urges us to do the same (Jn.15:9-10).
- Can any good thing come out of our circumstances? (Paul and Joseph say a resounding YES...  
Ge.50:20; Ph.1:12).
- I Pet. 2:21-23 - To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to Him Who judges justly.