


Reactions To The Cross


## REACTION OF PILATE



- ◆ Tried to strike a deal – Lk. 23:13-18)
- ◆ Jews demand Barabbas - Matt 27:20-25; Lk 23:18-25
- ◆ Wanting to gratify the crowd – Mk 15:15
- ◆ Washed his hands – Matt 27:22-25
- ◆ Jesus scourged, mocked, humiliated and crowned with thorns – Matt 27:27-31; Mk 15:16

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- ◆ Desired to avoid crucifying Jesus - Lk 23:20; Jn 19:12
- ◆ The cross was a political expedient - Lk 23:24-25
- ◆ Lacked the courage to do what he knew he should - Lk 23:22-25; Jn 19:8-16

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## REACTION OF JEWISH LEADERS

- ◆ Plotted to kill Jesus - Matt 26:4,5
- ◆ Paid off Judas to betray Jesus – Matt 26:14,15
- ◆ Had Him arrested – Matt 26:47
- ◆ Held an illegal trial – Matt 26:57-68
- ◆ Falsely accused Jesus before Pilate – Lk. 23:2
- ◆ Persuaded crowd to free Barabbas – Matt 27:20

"We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."



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- ◆ Persuaded multitude to demand Jesus be crucified – Matt 27:20,22; Mk 15:13; Jn 19:6
- ◆ Insults – "He saved others, let Him save Himself" - Matt 27:39-44
- ◆ A challenge – "Come down from the cross and we will believe in you" – Matt 27:42; Mk 15:32; Lk 23:39



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## REACTION OF JEWISH CROWD



- ◆ The crowd that screamed out "Hosanna to the Son of David!" – Matt 21:8-11 - Now screams "crucify Him" – Matt 27:20-25
- ◆ Who passed by – Wagged their heads saying "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." - Matt 27:39-40

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### REACTION OF ROMAN SOLDIERS



- ◆ Led Him away to be crucified – **Jn 19:16**
- ◆ Compelled Simon of Cyrene to bear His cross – **Matt 27:32**
- ◆ Gave Him sour wine with myrrh – **Mk 15:23**
- ◆ Crucified Him, parted garments – **Matt 27:35-36**

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- ◆ Watched Him there – **Matt 27:36**
- ◆ Numbered with transgressors – **Isa 53:12**
- ◆ Wine mixed with myrrh & mocking – **Matt 27:34,48**
- ◆ The Centurion came to believe - Christ is the Son of God - **Lk 23:47; Matt 27:54; Mk 15:39**

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### REACTION OF THE TWO THIEVES



- ◆ The unrepentant thief - "if You be the Christ, save Yourself and us" - **Lk 23:39,44**
- ◆ The repentant thief who recognized he was getting "his due reward" - "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." - **Lk 23:42**

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### REACTION OF DISCIPLES



- ◆ Disciples scattered - **Mark 14:50** - "Then they all forsook Him and fled."
- ◆ Women who followed Jesus from Galilee "looking on from afar" - **Lk 23:48-49**
- ◆ Joseph - got permission to bury Jesus' body - helped by Nicodemus. - **Matt 27:57-60; Lk 23:50**

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**1 Cor. 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

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<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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### 1 Cor. 1:18–31

<sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

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<sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—<sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, *“He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”*

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Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32-33
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13