

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Matthew 27:1-8.**
- B. Sin is what sent Jesus to the cross. Perhaps all the different forms and kinds of sin can be seen in the events preceding the crucifixion.
- C. If the kinds of sins that put Jesus on the cross were condemned by God (and they were), then we must condemn them today.
- D. A look this morning at 7 deadly sins.

## I. FIRST, THE SIN OF **IGNORANCE.**

- A. In Lk. 23:24, Jesus said, "**Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.**"
- B. Peter exclaims later that the men who crucified Jesus acted in ignorance (Ac. 3:17).  
"**And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.**"
- C. Paul also speaks of the ignorance of the rulers of the people (1Cor. 2:8).  
**the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;...**
- D. Truth is always rejected by ignorance. Ignorance is not bliss... it is damnation. The church has always been persecuted in ignorance.

## II. SECOND, THE SIN OF **HATING WHAT IS GOOD.**

- A. Jesus went about doing good things (Ac. 10:38; Jn. 10:32).  
**(Ac. 10:38)** "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him."  
**(Jn. 10:32)** Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"
- B. The people hated Jesus without a cause, because their deeds were evil (Jn. 15:25; 3:19).  
**(Jn. 15:25)** "But they have done this in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their Law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.'  
**(Jn. 3:19)** "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil.

## III. THIRD, THE SIN OF **RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE.**

- A. Caiaphas and the Council were very prejudiced in that they were not after the truth, they were looking for false testimony and false witnesses (Mt. 26:57,59,60).  
**(Mt. 26:57)** And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.  
**(Mt. 26:59-60)** Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death; **60** and they did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,
- B. There is religious prejudice today. People would rather believe what they want to believe rather than believe what the Bible says.

## IV. FOURTH, THE SIN OF **ENVY.**

- A. The envy of the Jewish leaders caused Jesus to be delivered to Pilate (Mt. 27:18).  
**For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up.**
- B. Envy is one of the "little sins" we don't think is really damaging. But it is! We can eternally lose our soul if we practice envy (see Rom. 1:26-32).
- C. Envy sent Jesus to the cross, it can send us to an eternal hell!
- D. God does a good job of blessing people--that is His business. We should not be envious when God chooses to bless a person in a certain way. May we learn to rejoice in what God has provided for others. Instead of envy, "**rejoice with those who rejoice**" (Rom. 12:15).

V. **FIFTH, THE SIN OF THE LOVE OF MONEY.**

- A. Judas agreed, that for 30 pieces of silver, he would betray Jesus into the hands of sinful men (Mt. 26:14-16; see Mt. 27:1-8).  
(Mt. 26:14-16) Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, **15** and said, “What are you willing to give me to deliver Him up to you?” And they weighed out to him thirty pieces of silver. **16** And from then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Him.
- B. The “love of money is the root of all kinds of evil” (1Tim. 6:10).
- C. Money always seems to be a problem because we tend to rely on it rather than God! The gospel is often perverted for the love of money. The church is hurt because people do not know how to give or have the desire to.

VI. **SIXTH, THE SIN OF LYING.**

- A. As already discussed the Council was looking for people who would lie (Mt. 26:59-60).  
Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death; **60** and they did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,
- B. The guards at the grave were given money and told to lie (Mt. 28:12,15).  
And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,... **15** And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.
- C. We cannot practice lying and expect to be saved (Rev. 21:8).  
“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

VII. **SEVENTH, THE SIN OF MORAL WEAKNESS.**

- A. Pilate knew Jesus to be innocent (Lk. 23:13-16).
- B. Pilate even desired to release Jesus and had the power to do it, but did not stand up for what was right (Lk. 23:22).  
And he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; I will therefore punish Him and release Him.”
- C. Pilate was just too morally weak to do the right thing. The crowd itself, and the pressure of their voice was just too much (Lk. 23:23).  
But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail.
- D. Too many times we settle for what is quick and easy rather than for what is right. This is a common sin today.

**CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.**

- A. We have briefly discussed 7 sins that crucified Jesus. Let us not be guilty of these sins today and be guilty of crucifying Jesus afresh (Heb. 6:4-6).  
For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6** and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.
- B. May we repent of:
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| 1. Our ignorance.                          | 5. The love of money.                 |
| 2. Our hatred of what/who is good.         | 6. Lying.                             |
| 3. Our religious prejudice over the truth. | 7. The moral weakness not to stand up |
| 4. Our envy.                               | for what is right.                    |
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.