

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Jesus Before Pilate

Scripture: **Luke 23:1-5**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, July 12, 2020

OVERVIEW

Most of us have misguided notions of who Jesus is. Often, we expect the wrong things from him or are confused when he doesn't respond the way we think he should. When our affection for Jesus is corrupt, we need to come to Christ, confess our sin and repent. Jesus is not what most of us want him to be. **Jesus is not who we expect, but he is who we need.** God does what is best for us, even if it's not what we want or ask for.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Luke 20:22-26; John 6:15; Matthew 16:13-18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some common misconceptions about Jesus in our culture? In what ways have your expectations of who Jesus is and/or what he has done been corrected? How have these worldly misconceptions shaped our culture's understanding of Christianity?
2. What is it that people expect of Jesus? [*a loving Savior—no authority; wise but not divine; one of many gods; good but not necessary; whatever we need him to be*] Which of these have you found yourself gravitating towards in the past? Do you struggle with any of these expectations presently?
3. How do you guard against having misguided expectations of Jesus?
4. What is it that Jesus promises us?
5. How does Jesus exceed our expectations? In what ways do you want the wrong savior and the right things? In what ways do you want the wrong savior and the wrong things?
6. What are some ways to recalibrate our faith to the Jesus we learn about in Scripture? Why do we find it difficult to realign our faith to the Jesus we see in Scripture? How can we help one another recognize false notions of Jesus? How can we encourage one another in embracing the real Jesus of Scripture?