

The Day Everything Changed  
Matthew 27  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the sacrifice of Christ.

Intro: 1. The events of that attributed to Christ's death are some of the most heart breaking events to consider.  
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I. Matthew 27:1-2

A. A summary of events (**Mt 27:1**)

1. This verse provides a brief summary of what was to take place.
  - a. Wicked leaders gathered
  - b. Wicked leaders plotted evil
2. The wicked actions continue (**Mt 27:2**)
  - a. They bound Jesus and brought him to Pilate. (v.2a)
  - b. They were unable to condemn a man to death so they had to bring him to Pilate.

B. A glimpse at the character of the wicked leaders.

1. They used Judas for their own selfish and sinful reasons (**Mt 27:3-4**)
2. They cast Judas aside, his life and soul was of no importance to these men (**v.4b-5**)

II. Christ's death...

A. ...a necessity.

1. Israel tried many "gods" through out history.
  - a. None of them saved them.
  - b. None of them provided for them.
  - c. All of them were created by man. (**2 Kings 19:17-18**)
2. They were punished for their betrayal of God (**Joshua 23:16**)

B. ...a true sacrifice.

1. The things Christ experience were a true sacrifice.
  - a. Many hold up the flag of a martyr when someone looks a them funny.
  - b. Christ humbly and purposely endured such things.
    - i. Many today will not even "endure" a Bible class.
2. Christ's sacrifice should be something that is engraved on our hearts and minds.
  - a. His sacrifice would be intense, even Pilate understood that (**Mt 27:22-23**)
  - b. Christ was scourged, not just merely beaten (**Mt 27:26**)
  - c. Christ was tortured, not just killed (**Mt 27:27-31;35-36**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. We are like Barabbas (**Mt 27:17-18;20-23**)

1. Barabbas was guilty of sin, just like us.
  - a. Different sins but still sin.
2. Barabbas was set free.
  - a. He did not have to die because of his sins.
    - i. Jesus died in his place.

- ii. Therefore, like Barabbas have been spared the high price of sin, death.
- B. Christ's death provided a means of rescue for mankind.
  - 1. Mankind is unable to redeem itself (**Jeremiah 10:23**)
    - a. Mankind can not provide or create a way for salvation, no matter how hard some may try.
  - 2. Mankind is saved by the blood of Christ (**Rev 7:14; Rev 12:11**)

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. Let us never forget what was done by Christ and why it was necessary.
- 2. Let us always remember, that we are the reason (**Rom 5:6**)
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9