

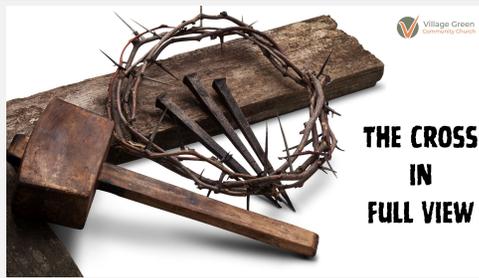
## Life Group Study Notes

March 15, 2026

### THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Sentence

Matthew 27:15-26



The brokenness of this world becomes clear in those moments when we experience injustice. For Jesus, his journey to the cross is illustrated by one injustice after another, proving that the cross was our only hope.

### Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What is one key lesson or principle you learned from last week's study?

#### Read Matthew 27:15-26

2. What is the significance of the fact that this takes place at the time of the Passover celebration?
3. Why does Matthew make a point of telling us that Barabbas was "notorious"? What is the irony of the name Barabbas?

4. Why does the governor offer the crowd a choice between Jesus and Barabbas, and what does this reveal about the political climate and Pilate's strategy?
5. What happens when truth collides with pressure? People often choose \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ over what is right.

#### The 3 Responses

6. Pilate repeatedly recognizes Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Pilate knew it was out of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18)
  - His wife \_\_\_\_\_ him (v. 19)
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ declares innocence (v. 24)

Yet he still condemns him, because \_\_\_\_\_ clarity without \_\_\_\_\_ still leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Crowds can be \_\_\_\_\_ driven rather than \_\_\_\_\_ driven. Public opinion can be \_\_\_\_\_ and often influenced by the \_\_\_\_\_ voices.
8. Barabbas was a noted rebel and murderer who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, yet the guilty go free, and Jesus condemned.
9. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

### Personal Reflection

1. How has this series deepened your understanding of the cross?

## Coming Next Week

### Compassion Sunday

Join us next Sunday as Jacob Moon leads us in worship and brings the ministry of Compassion Canada to Village Green. You are not going to want to miss this inspiring morning, and how we can help to release children from poverty and present them with the Good News of Jesus.

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## Additional Notes



### **The Cross in Full View.**

The cross lies at the heart of the Christian faith and theology. Through it, we discover the richness of divine love and grace, while recognizing its profound necessity for atonement and forgiveness. In this series, we uncover the multifaceted nature of the cross, as it embodies the core beliefs of sacrifice, redemption, love, and hope.

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