

- I. Pilate's Decision.**
 - A. Pilate believed Jesus was innocent (Luke 23:4,14) and made an effort to spare him (Luke 23:16 and Matt. 27:15,17), but to get the approval of the crowd Pilate ordered that Jesus be crucified.**
 - B. There are times when we find ourselves in situations where we know what we believe, but there's a crowd nearby shouting something different.**
 - C. Do we side with the crowd or do we take a stand for Jesus?**
- II. The Flogging of Jesus (Mark 15:15).**
 - A. In most cases a prisoner who was going to be crucified was first flogged (whipped).**
 - B. A description of the flogging of Jesus.**
 - C. Jesus could have stopped this flogging, but he chose instead to suffer and continue his journey to the cross.**
- III. The Mocking of Jesus (Mark 15:17-20).**
 - A. Jesus claimed to be a king, so the soldiers (in a sarcastic way) treated him like royalty.**
 - B. Again and again the soldiers struck Jesus on the head with a staff and spit on him.**
 - C. When the soldiers got bored with their mockery, they sent Jesus on his way to Golgotha.**
- IV. The Road to Golgotha (Mark 15:21-25).**
 - A. According to Roman law a condemned man had to carry his own cross to the place of crucifixion.**
 - B. With the patibulum (the horizontal section of the cross, weighing about 110 pounds) on his bleeding back, Jesus begins his 650 yard journey to Golgotha.**
 - C. In time Jesus stumbles and falls; the ordeal through which he had passed has taken its toll.**
 - D. Simon from Cyrene is forced to carry Christ's cross to Golgotha – the place of the skull (Latin – Calvary).**
 - E. The soldiers offer Jesus wine mixed with myrrh (an anesthetic), but he refuses to take it.**
 - F. The actual crucifixion begins (9:00 a.m. our time).**
 - 1. A description of the crucifixion.**
 - 2. A short story: I Dreamed I Was at Calvary.**