



The Ultimate Question #2: Rejected by the People

February 24 & 25, 2024

Matthew 27:15-26

Opener:

Share a time when you experienced rejection in your life. How did it feel, and how did you cope with it?

Go Deeper:

1. In Matthew 27:15-26, what role does Pilate play in the rejection of Jesus? How does his decision-making process reflect common human tendencies?
 2. How does Jesus' rejection by the people contrast with his innocence, as highlighted in Matthew 27:17-24?
 3. Reflecting on Isaiah 53:1-3, how did the rejection of Jesus fulfill Old Testament prophecy? What significance does this hold in understanding Jesus' identity?
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Live It:

1. Consider the objections people commonly have towards Jesus, such as intellectual doubts or resistance to change. How can you effectively address these objections with love and understanding, while still affirming the truth of the Gospel?
2. In what ways might we unintentionally reject Jesus in our daily lives? How can we actively ensure that we are not rejecting Him?
3. Think of a time when you witnessed someone being rejected or excluded. How can you embody Christ-like love and acceptance in similar situations going forward?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What does this "great exchange" mean to you personally?
5. Read Luke 9:23 and John 8:11. Jesus calls for complete surrender and life change. What steps can you take this week to align your life more closely with His teachings?



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings (February 25-March 2)

Sun: Matthew 27:15-26
Mon: John 4:1-26
Tues: Hebrews 2:10-11
Wed: Psalm 56
Thurs: John 4:43-54
Fri: Jeremiah 3:6-18
Sat: Hebrews 4:14-16

*During Lent, the readings selected are taken from The Easter Experience Lenten Devotional.

