

INTRODUCTION

- * We have come to the point in the earthly life of Christ where He has been officially "turned-over" to the secular authorities. His people have disowned him and betrayed him. Yet, in the midst of all of this, YHWH is still the same God as He declared Himself to be in the days of Moses. He is faithful even when man is not.
- * God desires ALL men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. No matter how vile the sinner, Jesus died for them! When He died, He became the atonement for the sins of the entire world! There is not anyone's sin that is to GREAT for God to forgive!
- * In today's passage, we see five different Portraits of Grace. The first three vignettes remind us that our great God and Savior died even for the sins of His enemies, the worst of sinners and those who would not take a stand for truth. They all had an opportunity to repent, but did they? In the next portrait, the grace of God is portrayed as He sovereignly uses ordinary men to perform extra-ordinary tasks which at first do not seem quite the blessing, and even potentially horrific! Finally, we see the grace of God calling out to those who are without knowledge to gain wisdom and understanding to call upon the Savior before it is too late!

INSTRUCTION**I. THE C _____ : The E _____****A. The Choice of the People**

1. THE C _____ (cf. John 19:15; Matthew 27:22-25)
2. THE C _____ (cf. Exodus 20:4-5; Ezekiel 18:3-32; Proverbs 22:6)

B. The Choice of the Lord! (cf. Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 23:34)**II. B _____ : The C _____****A. His Notoriety (cf. Matthew 27:16)****B. His Vantage Point****C. His Deliverance!****III. P _____ : The I _____ (cf. Luke 23:23-25; John 19:6-15)****IV. S _____ : The I _____****A. His Background****B. His Remembrance (cf. Mark 15:21)****C. His Example**

1. A WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER (cf. Matthew 16:24-27; Matthew 5:39-42)
2. DEALING WITH SUDDEN CHANGE (cf. Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:1; 16:9; 19:21)

V. T _____ : The I _____**A. The Mourning of the Women****B. The Declaration of the Lord****THE CONCLUSION**

Hebrews 9:27-28 ... Titus 2:11-15

INTROSPECTION

- * Do you believe that the grace of God truly applies to ALL persons?
- * Is there any grouping of people that you have unwittingly condemned?
- * Is your love for others mirrored after the love of Christ?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we best provoke one another to love and good works in this arena of loving and forgiving others?