

## Field of Blood

### **Matthew 27:1 – 50**

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~ Our Spiritual Safari expedition through the entire Word of God has witnessed the arrest of the Lord Jesus Christ and the denying of Him by Simon Peter; and before we exit this chapter Jesus will be dead on the cross. This will all happen thick and fast. You won't really need a whole lot of commentary if you will simply pray for wisdom, judgment and discernment, read the text in your own Bible, then, pray again for the Spirit of God to reveal His truth to you and cause you to grow in the grace and knowledge of His Son. We saw in our last report that Caiaphas, the high priest, rent his clothes and delivered Jesus to Pilate. Caiaphas couldn't figure out what he was doing, so he had the nerve to ask Jesus for some evidence. I love how Jesus remained silent. They could not formulate a case that would hold up in a Roman court. Every single move those religious rulers made was contrary to the Mosaic Law. We saw Simon Peter deny Christ, too. In this section of Scripture, the Sanhedrin delivers Jesus to Pilate - and we'll go from there. When Paul later tells the Corinthians the Gospel - this account is what he is speaking of, friends. Matthew does not really give a full record of the crucifixion. In fact, he doesn't give any! Another fun fact: neither do any of the other Gospel writers.

What we find in this text are the facts surrounding the cross - but not concerning Christ being on it. Hollywood somehow seems to know a step-by-step dramatic order of events; but Hollywood happens to be wrong. Surely they're wrong because they can't play out in the fake what happened in real life. In this case - it is not possible. The graphics and the terminology they use in their productions are sensational; unfortunately, NONE of it is found in the Word of God. They have these nails driven into quivering flesh and all that blood everywhere. It probably did happen something like that, but the Spirit of God has put a veil over details of the crucifixion because they are things we simply could not bear. Jesus has many things to tell us - but not right now. I thank Him for that. Do you? God Himself darkened the whole earth for the last three hours so mankind couldn't even look upon what was going on upon the cross. I dare say this

report will bring us to that which is beyond human comprehension, and we will be forced to consider that which we cannot possibly fathom. Read on at your own risk. We're going to deign speak of a transaction between our Father in Heaven and His Son on the cross. Of course, that means we're going to look upon the altar where the Lamb that taketh away the sins of the world was offered....

***1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:***

***2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.***

***3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,***

***4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.***

~ The religious rulers tell Judas it was his problem that he had done this thing. They tell Judas they don't really care about him at all. There is no honor amongst the ungodly, my beloved. They hate each other just as much as they hate me or you. I said in my last report Judas didn't repent - but it says here he did repent – well, what about it? Judas didn't ask the Lord for forgiveness; no, Judas asked the religious rulers for THEIR forgiveness and Judas confessed to THEM – not to HIM! Friends, I cannot make this any clearer for you! If you are in the Roman Catholic Church you need to get out immediately and ask the Holy Spirit into your heart - right now. If you have already done that you might want to do it again. Tell God you just want to make sure He heard you....

***5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.***

**6 And these pious and ludicrous chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.**

**7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.**

**8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.**

**9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;**

**10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.**

**11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, "you got it, friend."**

~ Blaspheme was the only charge they could come up with as Jesus had said He would come in the clouds and sit at the right hand of the Father. They would have stoned Him for that statement alone; but they couldn't because Roman law didn't allow that anymore. They had to get Jesus to a Roman court and treason was about the only thing that would make the connection between Jesus and death. Pilate knew exactly what was going on with Jesus ministry around town. Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews and I think Pilate laughed and said to himself, "...you have to be kidding me?" ~

**12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.**

**13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?**

**14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.**

***15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.***

***16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.***

~ I think Pilate was a bit confused about what the majority really wanted; but, then again, I'm not sure. Pilate thinks he has hit a happy medium and he thinks he has a solution to this problem. Pilate wanted to keep peace in Jerusalem, but he couldn't just sentence Jesus to an arbitrary death, either. Well, it's never just that easy an out when deciding for or against the Lord Jesus Christ. Pilate did not think for one moment there would be a call to release a crazed killer. Pilate didn't know how low religion could really go. My real question is: why does Pilate proceed to ask the crowd for this decision? Pilate was the man in charge and he could have just made a judgment and that would have been that. Instead, Pilate is put on trial by Jesus! But Jesus isn't trying to escape this – He is MAKING it happen!

Barabbas was guilty of everything under the sun and he had certainly robbed many of the people in the very crowd that were shouting for his release. What we have here is satanic pandemonium that easily turned into a political chaotic fiasco for Pontius. What a background we see now of this man and his stupendously superstitious dealings; even down to his dreamer of a wife, who will now walk briefly on the stage, this man lived in some mystery religions of his own. If Pilate's wife was so interested in an innocent man dying she sure didn't do too much about it. She probably just went and had some more wine instead of getting any real information, you know? No, it didn't mean anything to her; the dream happened in one of her drunken hazes and it had everything to do with HER and nothing to do with HIM! ~

***17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas or Jesus which is called Christ?***

***18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.***

**19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.**

**20 But the chief priests and elders circulated like the clever politicians they were and persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.**

**21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.**

**22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.**

**23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But a mob never has a reason so they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.**

**24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.**

~ Pilate does not realize it's not that easy to get rid of Christ. What think ye of Christ? Every man walking in this life will make this same decision. Try both your state and your station; you cannot be right in the rest of your life until you think rightly of the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God and the Son of Man. I challenge you to close your eyes right now and tell Jesus what you think about Him in prayer. Ironically, the oldest creed of the church says "....crucified under Pontius Pilate" – meaning: Pilate didn't get that blood of Jesus off of his hands in his ceremonial cleansing. As we see here, Pilate is just as confused and defeated spiritually as he possibly could be....

**25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.**

**26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.**

**27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.**

**28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.**

**29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!**

**30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.**

**31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.**

**32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.**

**33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,**

**34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.**

**35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.**

**36 And sitting down they watched him there;**

**37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

**38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.**

**39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,**

***40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.***

~ And it was at this hour that mankind reached its absolute depth of depravity, my beloved. Saul of Tarsus was in this crowd watching, too - and that's why Paul calls himself the chief of sinners. That's what he was, the chief – of sinners. What people do not realize today is that if Jesus is the Son of God He WON'T come down off of that cross as the religious rulers were taunting Him to do; and the people mocking Him at this time we are studying do not realize that, either. Jesus isn't proving anything to anyone at this point. Jesus is here to die for the sins of the world. IF Thou be....they say to Jesus; specifically designed to raise a doubt. These hateful voyeurs can't be happy with sending Jesus away and just go home; no, they have to sit down and watch. They already had dirt on themselves but they, apparently, just can't seem to get enough dirt – sort of like a pig! These pigs are going to hang on to this horror image until the last possible minute; maybe write a screenplay, 'ya know....

***41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,***

***42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.***

~ This is, actually, a true statement made in hate because if Jesus is to save the world from sin He cannot save Himself from this cross at this time. The problem is: they didn't know what they were talking about. If He came down from the cross you and I would have to go up on it. It's what you deserve; it's what I deserve. We are hell-doomed sinners and we're watching GOD taking our place in crucifixion, friends. I wonder if Barabbas was saved after his release. We know some other thief was saved before he died. They said that if Jesus would come off of the cross they would believe Him; do you think they would have believed Him then? I doubt it; in fact, I know that is a lie....

***43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.***

***44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.***

***45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.***

***46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?***

***47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.***

***48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.***

***49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.***

***50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.***

~ Psalm twenty-two opens with the answer to Jesus question in verse forty-six of this chapter in Matthew as He is on the cross. The answer is, "...because Thou art Holy." Stop, re-read that statement and think about it in prayer, friends. Your sin and my sins are now put upon the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other way this can be done. That fulfills a whole lot of prophecy in this report, too. Jesus dismissed His Spirit. The Lord Jesus was, is and will be in control of every facet of everything from here on out. You can just write that down. The events we have seen here are quite serious and the concepts we have seen are totally new to many readers. If you were to ask the average professing believer about the death of Christ they will tell you they feel sorry for Jesus that He had to die like that. Many don't realize the Father had to withdraw from Jesus while Jesus was on the cross, too; making it all the more terrifying, at least, to me it does. What they do not process completely is that Jesus had to die for our sins in order for our



sins to be removed from us. It was a specific purpose and a specific timeline that Jesus accomplished this mission on; and He did it willingly. We're going to see some extremely supernaturally amazing facts in our next report ~

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