



Jesus on Trial

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"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

Who was really on trial?

1. Peter: The one who denied Jesus.

"Peter asked, 'Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.'" Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!" John 13:37-38

2. Pilate: The one who thought he had the power.

"'Don't you realize I have the power either to free you or to crucify you?'" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."' John 19:10-11

3. The People: The ones who rejected their Savior.

"It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. 'Here is your king,' Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, 'Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify him!'" "Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified." John 19:14-16

We have all been found guilty. Yet, it is Jesus who rose from the dead, who pardons us from all wrongdoing.

1. Honestly confess Jesus is Lord.
2. Humbly receive His forgiveness.
3. Happily serve Him with gratitude.

"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." Colossians 2:13-15