

JESUS - THE PERFECT MAN

Text: Luke 23:1-5

Introduction:

1. In our text, Pilate is wanting to release Jesus. He finds no fault in Him.
2. Jesus lived a perfect life before the Father and man. He is our great example today.

-- In this lesson we will discuss the perfection of Jesus --

I. JESUS - OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE

- A. IN RESISTING TEMPTATION
 1. Jesus resisted temptation
 - a. All points of temptation listed -1Jn 2:16
 - b. Jesus was tempted in all points - He 4:15, Mt 4:1-11
 2. We are to resist temptation
 - a. By hiding the word of God in our hearts -Ps 119:11
 - b. By seeking the way of escape -1Co 10:13
- B. IN ENDURING WRONGFUL PERSECUTION
 1. Jesus endured wrongful persecution
 - a. Pilate had Jesus scourged - Jn 19:1-4
 - b. He was reviled... -1Pe 2:21-25
 2. We are to endure wrongful persecution
 - a. Suffering wrongfully is credit toward God -1Pe 2:18-20
 - b. As Jesus said -Mt 5:10-12
 - c. Paul bearing the "marks of Jesus..." -Ga 5:17

II. JESUS - OUR PERFECT SACRIFICE

- A. SACRIFICES HAD TO BE PERFECT
 1. As commanded -Le 1:3; 4:3
 - a. The burnt offering had to be without blemish -Le 1:3
 - b. The sin offering also had to be without blemish -Le 4:3
 - c. "...do not profane My holy name by what they dedicate to Me: I am the Lord." -Le 22:2
 - d. "But if there is a defect in it, if it is lame or blind or has any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God." -De 15:21
 2. Blemished sacrifices were not acceptable
 - a. As some tried to pass off as good -Ma 1:6-8
 - b. Blood of bulls and goats not sufficient -He 10:4

- B. CHRIST WAS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE
 1. Only a one time sacrifice necessary
 - a. Not like the high priest of the OT -He 9:24-28
 - b. Once and for all -He 10:10
 2. Jesus was without blemish -2Co 5:21, He 4:15, 1Pe 2:21
 3. Likewise we are to be spotless before Him
- Le 11:44, 1Pe 1:16, Ja 1:27, 2Pe 3:11

III. JESUS - OUR PERFECT SAVIOR

- A. SALVATION NOT FOUND IN ANY OTHER
 1. Not in righteous acts alone
 - a. Righteousness as filthy rags -Is 64:6
 - b. Cornelius -Ac 10:1, 2
 2. No one else has the salvation to offer -Jn 14:6
 - a. Peter's statement -Jn 6:68, 69; Ac 4:12
 - b. Not: Joseph Smith, Mohammed, or Allah
- B. SALVATION IS ONLY IN CHRIST
 1. To acquire salvation, one has to be in Christ...
 - a. Like Noah and his family were saved in the ark
 - b. One can not audit the Christian life and receive credit
 2. Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life -Re 21:27

Conclusion:

1. Salvation can never be acquired apart from Christ.
2. Christ is the perfect sacrifice for our sins; nothing else compares.
3. Once a person is in Christ, he should continually look toward the example of Christ in all things.