

Nicer sins that crucified Christ

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Introduction

1. Matthew 26:30ff
2. We want to take a look at the Cross, and see some of the sins that crucified Christ
3. There are some sins that we may not think of that crucified Christ but they did, such as cowardice, prejudice, untruthfulness, covetousness, indifference, fickleness ignorance, envy and despising good.
4. But when we continue to look at the Cross there are some nicer sins that crucified our Savior.
5. Let us see if we might be guilty of some of the same sins

II Discussion

1. He was betrayed by a kiss Matthew 26:46-50
 1. A kiss is usually a tender sign of affection and love. Paul urged the Christians to use it, but to keep it "holy" Romans 16:16
 2. Yet, as honorable as a kiss can be, Judas sinned by using it as a badge of betrayal to identify Jesus
 3. Are there ways in which we today get dangerously close to Judas and his kiss by:
 1. being lifeless robots in worship without participation?
 2. Unemotional, but dutiful rituals in the home?
2. Jesus crucifixion was advanced by a period of sleep Matthew 26:36-45
 1. Sleep that knits us the raveled sleeves of care is ordinarily a great blessing - even necessary for the welfare of all of us.
 2. It can become wrong when we are more concerned for sleep than we are for our spiritual welfare.
 3. While men sleep the enemy may do many harmful things Matthew 13:24-30
 4. Christians are exhorted to awake from sleep and be vigilant Romans 13:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:6
 5. We all need to be awake to certain things in our life both spiritual and physically.
3. Christ crucifixion was advanced by a promise Matthew 26: 33-34, 58, 69-75
 1. A promise should be kept and can be comforting and reassuring when it is kept.
 2. A Christian should keep his promises James 5:12
 3. Peter took a vow but when the test came for that promise he broke it, could we do the same?
 1. We took a vow when we became a Christian
 2. Do we promise to become more faithful if we overcome a crisis?
4. Christ crucifixion was advanced by zeal Matthew 26:51-56
 1. Peter was zealous when he drew his sword
 2. We need to have the right kind of zeal Romans 10:1-3; Titus 2:14
 3. Isn't it strange that many say, "I can't bring myself to take about the church to people" - until a problem arises in the church, then what zeal!
5. Christ crucifixion was advanced by remorse Matthew 27:3-10
 1. Repentance is a wonderful thing when it is the right kind of repentance.
 2. The word "repentance" is in this verse but what kind of repentance is it? 2 Corinthians 7:10
 3. Confession without penitence is like trying to cure dandruff by wearing a tweed coat! It takes the pressure off by observers, but the problem is still there.

III Conclusion

1. God is delighted in having our fellowship, our wide awake attention, our sincere service, our zeal, and our true repentance.
2. There is more to being a Christian than just saying your a Christian
3. Are you a Christian in the Biblical sense?

4. If not why not become one now.

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