SINS THAT CRUCIFIED CHRIST
Text: Mark 15:9-15

INTRO: Jesus was an innocent Man--yet He was scourged, condemn-ed & executed with as cruel a form of death as has ever been devised. Let us look at some of the sins that crucified Jesus.

I. THE ENVY OF THE CHIEF PRIESTS, text. They were jealous of the crowds He drew. Of the deeds He did. Of the wisdom with which He frustrated them.

II. THE SPINELESS COWARDLY COMPROMISE OF PILATE.

John 19:10-16, Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, & power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar" When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brot Jesus out & sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, & about the 6th hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to
them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus & led Him away.

III. THE LIES OF FALSE WITNESSES.
MT 26:59, Now the chief priests, the elders & all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death.

IV. THE HATRED OF MANY WHOSE SINS HAD BEEN REBUKED BY HIS GODLY LIFE & DOCTRINE.

John 3:19-21, And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

V. THE BETRAYAL OF A FALSE FRIEND.
READ JOHN 12:3-8; MATTHEW 26:14-16

John 12:3-8, Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, & wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for 300 denarii & given to the poor?" This he said, not that
he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, & had the money box; & he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

Matt 26:14-16, Then one of the 12, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests & said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him 30 pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

VI. THE WILLFUL IGNORANCE OF THOSE WHO SHOULD HAVE KNOWN & RECOGNIZED JESUS AS THE FULFILLMENT OF O.T. PROPHECY.

Acts 3:13-19, The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up & denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, & killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, thru faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all
His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Repent therefore & be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

VII. OUR SINS.

Isa 53:5-6, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, & by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; & the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Rom 4:25, [Jesus] was delivered up because of our offenses (Rom 4:25).

VIII. THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME CHRISTIANS NEED TO REMAIN FAITHFUL LEST THE "CRUCIFY AGAIN THE SON OF GOD."

Heb 6:4-7
4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,
5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

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Heb 10:26-31, For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, & fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, & insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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