

## Matthew 27 • A Study in Contrasts

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1. (v.1-10: **Jesus & Judas**) Judas is an example of someone who never actually **repented** and **believed** to begin with and finally realize the truth when it is **too late** to do anything about it.
2. (v.11-19: **Jesus & Pilate**) Pilate is an example of someone who does not want to deal with the issue of **Christ** and unsuccessfully tries to remain **neutral**.
3. (v.20-26: **Jesus & Barabbas**) Barabbas represents the fact that Christ **died** in the place of **ALL sinners** regardless.
4. (v.27-31: **Jesus & the Soldiers**) The soldiers represent unbelievers who not only outwardly **persecute** Christ (and His followers) but **speak** against Him (and His followers).
5. (v.32: **Jesus & Simon**) Simon represents the right example of taking up the **cross** of Christ.
6. (v.33-49: **Jesus & the Spectators**) These represent the most basic root of **unbelief**, the inability to accept Christ according to His **Word**.
7. (v.50 -54: **Jesus & the Centurion**) The Centurion represents those capable of understanding **signs** because they accept the greater **message** represented by them.
8. (v.55-61: **Jesus & His Friends**) Only those who love and believe in Christ are allowed to enter into a **personal relationship** with Him.
9. (v.62-66: **Jesus & His Enemies**) These represent those who in spite of being **fully aware** of God's Word consciously, willfully work **against** Him in the character of **Satan**.