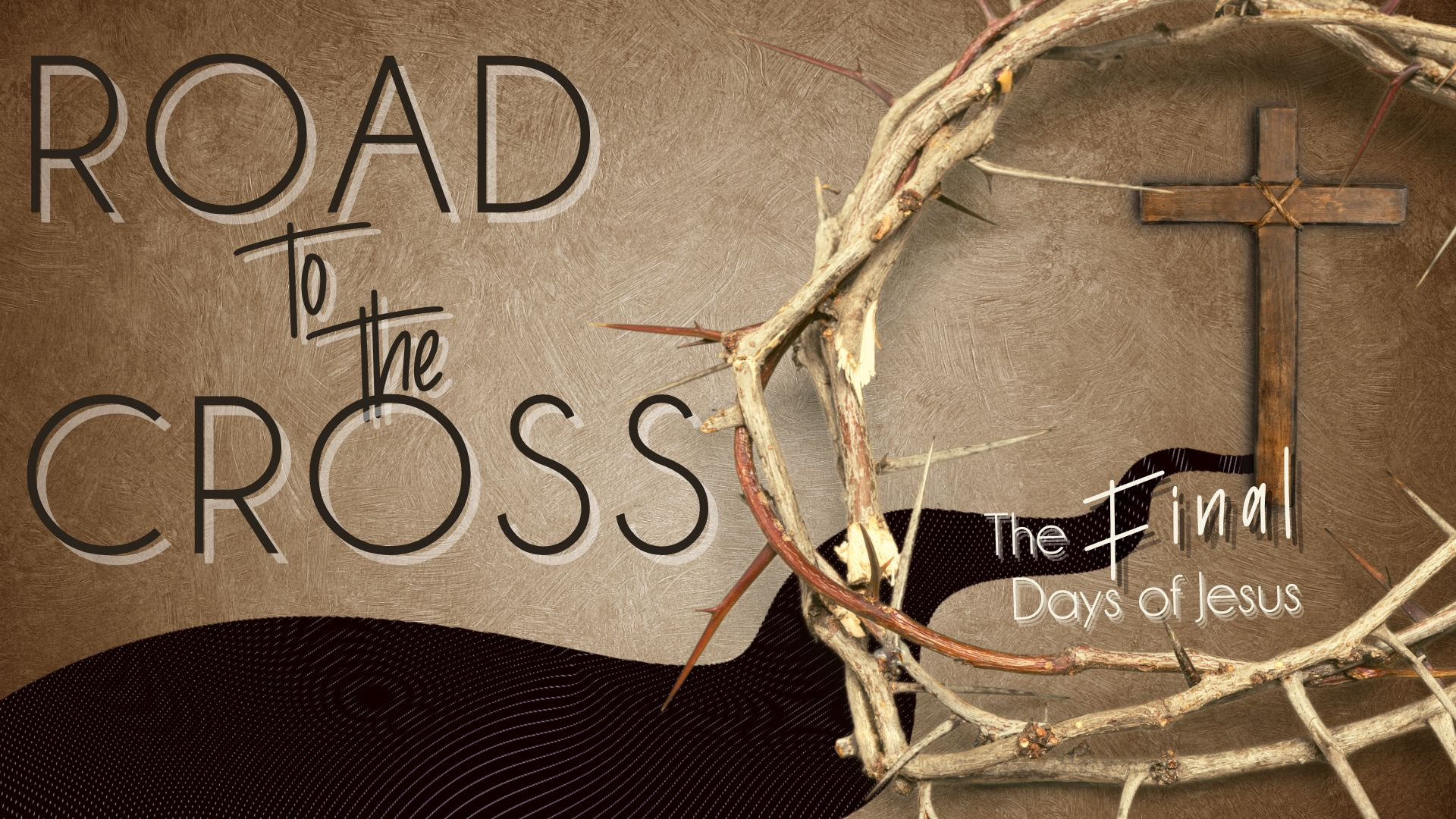


# ROAD To the CROSS

The Final  
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# Main Point

When you face opposition turn your face towards God





“Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “You have said so,” Jesus replied.”



Mark 15:1-2 NIV



“The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.” But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.”



Mark 15:3-5 NIV



# Jesus and Pilate

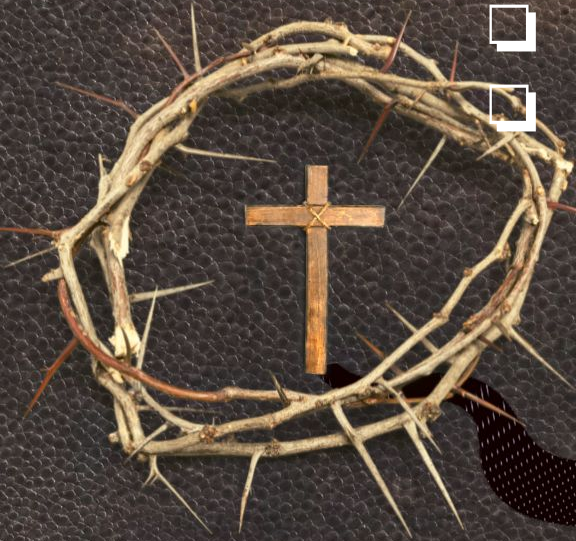
- ❑ Pilate is an appointed political figure
- ❑ Pilate only cares about Jesus being a King
- ❑ Pilate misunderstands the type of King Jesus is





# Jesus is Misunderstood

- ❑ Jesus is “in trouble” because of the type of King He is believed to be
- ❑ Jesus doesn’t correct or fight back
- ❑ Stays focused on what the Father’s will is for Him





# Application

- ❑ We will be misunderstood as Christians
- ❑ There will be times to be silent and times to explain
- ❑ Keep our faces on God and let Him guide what we do





“Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.”



Mark 15:6-8 NIV



“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, **10** knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. **11** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.”



Mark 15:9-11 NIV



“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them. “Crucify him!” they shouted.



Mark 15:12-13 NIV



“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.”



Mark 15:14-15 NIV



# Jesus and The Crowd/Barabbas

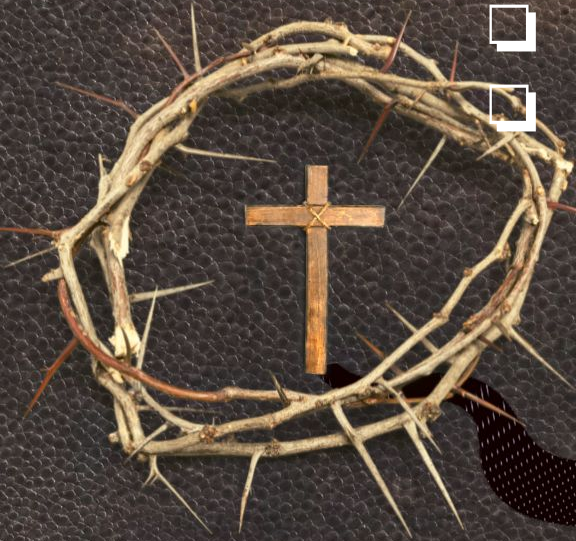
- ❑ Barabbas is the total opposite of Jesus
- ❑ Pilate asks the crowd who they want released
- ❑ They shout for Barabbas





# Jesus is Attacked

- ❑ The crowd wants Jesus killed because of who He is
- ❑ Pilate satisfies the crowd
- ❑ Jesus continues to keep His face on the Father and follow through with His plan

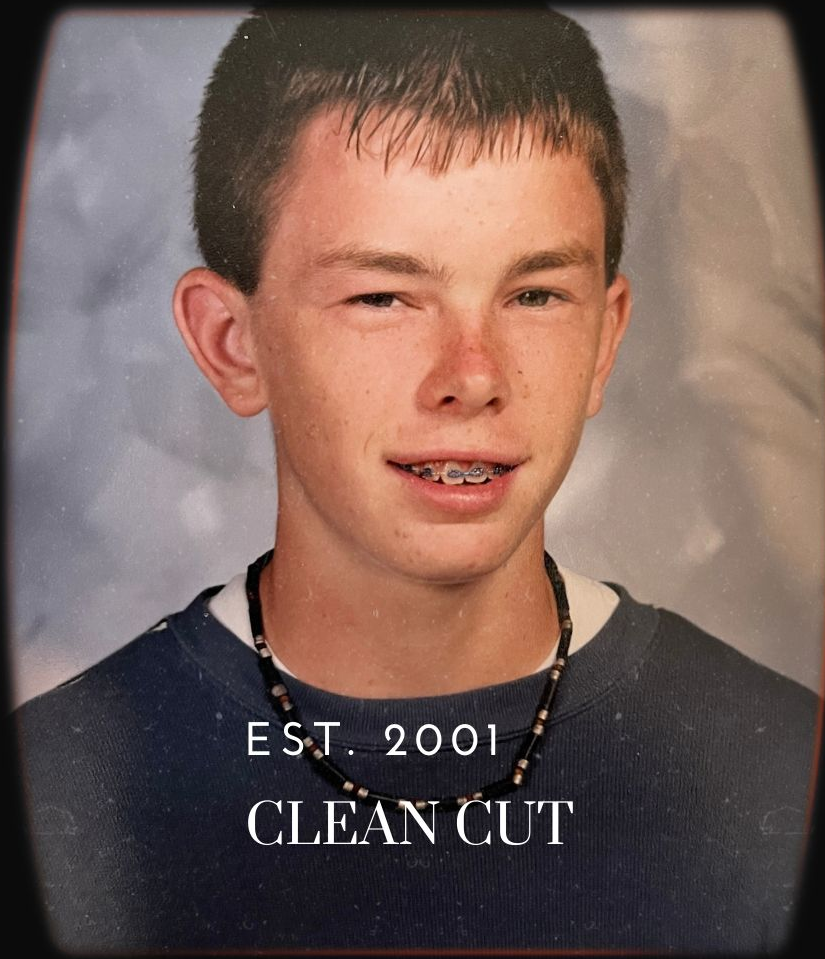






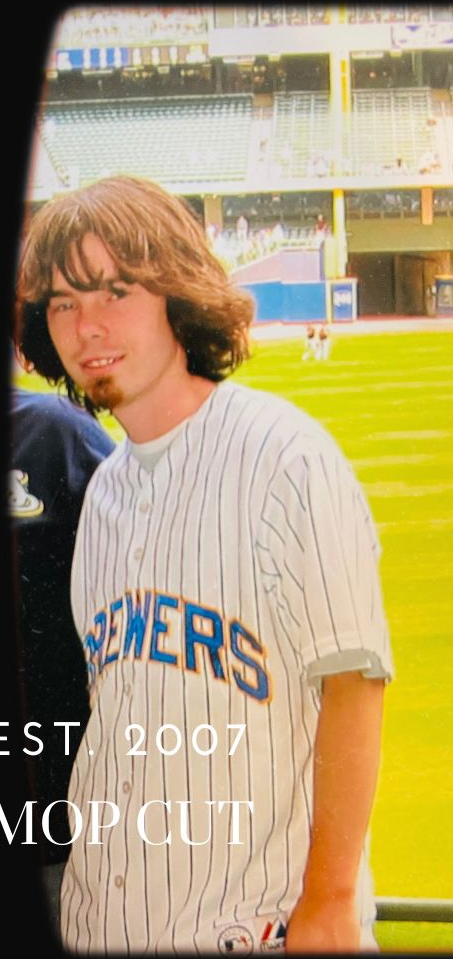
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# Application

- ❑ We may be attacked, in some way, for being Christians
- ❑ Respond NOT retaliate
- ❑ God helps with the response when we keep our faces pointed on Him





“The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him.”



Mark 15:16-17 NIV



“And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him.”



Mark 15:18-19 NIV



“And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.”



Mark 15:20 NIV



# Jesus and the Soldiers

- ❑ The soldiers see Jesus as a threat
- ❑ They “outfit” Jesus as a King
- ❑ They “hail” Jesus as a King





# Jesus is Mocked

- ❑ The soldiers made a mockery of the type of King Jesus supposedly was
- ❑ Jesus could have retaliated
- ❑ Again, Jesus kept His face on the Father





# Application

- ❑ Being made fun of is hard
- ❑ Be confident in who we are as Christians
- ❑ Look to God for comfort and peace





# Closing

- ❑ Opposition will come in some form
- ❑ Turn your face to God before going face to face with opposition
- ❑ Let God guide how you respond to opposition

