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CELEBRATING EASTER IN A PANDEMIC WORLD

"CELEBRATION: PEOPLE ON THE ROAD TO THE CROSS"

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LUKE 23:1-26 (NASB)

TRUTH: Luke 23 is the dividing line of Eternity.

I. PILATE...THE PREOCCUPIED, vv. 1-3

INSIGHT: Pilate is too preoccupied with his business to think about his soul.

INSIGHT: Pilate is more concerned with his career than living a life of integrity.

TRUTH: Distraction sends more people to hell than disbelief ever did.

QUESTION: What if this weekend, you asked God what He wants to hear: "God, what do You want to say to me? I'm listening! Help me understand what questions I need to be asking so my life ends well for Eternity!"

II. HEROD...THE SHALLOW, vv. 6-12

TRUTH: Continuing on in sin deadens you. Sin hardens your conscience and increases your capacity to sin greater.

III. SIMON THE CYRENIAN: THE DISCIPLE, v. 26

INSIGHT: Simon's name is given because he was known in the early church.

INSIGHT: Jesus' stumbling under the Cross was the providence of God.

INVITATION: Simon's story is your invitation, friend.

God is inviting you to come!

God is calling you to be His disciple: Not to just believe, but to lead your family to faith, and your friends, to take up your cross and follow Christ.

Christ has great things for you: a mission to fulfill you, a role to play in His kingdom that will impact Eternity. WHAT SAY YOU?