

Enemies of the Cross

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Lesson 1: Introduction



Read Philippians 3:17-21

Paul gives two options as to how we walk:

1. As **Enemies** of the cross of Christ
2. According to the **Example** of the cross of Christ



Read Philippians 2:1-11

Your walk reveals your identity:



Matthew 16:24

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Lesson 2: Judas



Review Philippians 3:17-21

What makes one an enemy of the cross of Christ?

1. Their end is destruction
2. Their god is their belly
3. They glory in their shame
4. Their minds are set on earthly things

The name "Judas" was a popular name:



Read John 12:1-6 & 13:29-30



Matthew 26:14-16



Is there something for which you would trade Jesus?



Philippians 3:8-11

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Lesson 3: Caiaphas



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Caiaphas (18-37 AD)



John 11:45-53

Caiaphas' Motives

1. Envy (Mk 15:10)
2. Position & Power (Jn 11:48; cf. Mt 23:5-7)

Allegations against Jesus

1. Blasphemy (Psalm 110; Daniel 7)
2. Threat to the Temple
3. Refusal to pay taxes (Mt 22:15-22)
4. Claim to be king

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Lesson 4: Pilate



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Pilate (26-37 AD)

1. Roman Standards in Jerusalem
2. Aqueduct incident using corban funds
3. Galilean whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices (Luke 13:1-2)
4. Golden shields
5. Possible political alignment with Sejanus
6. Crushing the Samaritan uprising at Mt. Gerizim

Pilate's Motives



John 18:28-19:16

"You are no friend of Caesar..."



Matthew 27:24-26

"[Pilate] washed his hands before the crowd..."

Note: Ironically, the soldiers who mock Jesus by bowing to him, unknowingly become a preview of what Paul says will result in Christ's death on a cross (Philippians 2:10).

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Lesson 5: Peter



Luke 22:54-62

"The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter."

What was Peter thinking? (Philippians 3:18)

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Matthew 16:21-25

"You are not setting your mind on the things of God but n the things of man."



Mark 16:7

"Go tell the disciples and Peter..."



John 21:1-22

"Simon, son of John, do you love me..."

- Daybreak
- Fishing
- Charcoal Fire
- Do you love me? (x3)
- Feed my sheep (contrast with Ezekiel 34)



Acts 4:1-13

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