

## JESUS, THE EXPOSER OF HEARTS

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John 19:1-16

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### INTRODUCTION: EXPOSER OF HEARTS

Jesus has this amazing ability to expose the hearts of people. He often does this without saying very much at all. Just the person and presence of Jesus forces people to make a decision about Him.

### Luke 2:34, 35

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

**Proposition:** Jesus exposes the hearts of men so that men cannot carry on with any pretenses about God and religion.

## I. THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST, V. 11

? So why does the trial continue?

### **Acts 2:23**

this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

### **Acts 4:27, 28**

For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

## II. EXPOSING THE GUILT OF MEN

We know that God ordains all events. He directs every event in creation.

Proverbs 16:1, 9, 33; 19:21; 21:1

However God directs events, He does so in a way that humans are still responsible for their actions and motivations.

## A. OSTENSIBLY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ARE EXPOSED AS HATERS OF GOD

You might be sympathetic at first for the religious leaders. After all, what would we do if someone came along and claimed to be God?

We have a law!

? To what lengths were they willing to go to kill Jesus?

## B. SEEMINGLY INDIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE EXPOSED AS HATERS OF GOD

Pilate's indifference led to Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus won't allow a person to remain indifferent. He forces them to make a decision about Him.

## **CONCLUSION: ONLY TWO KINDS**

There are only two kinds of people in the world, those who love the God of the Bible and those who hate Him.

## **APPLICATION:**

? Are you willing to interject Jesus into the discussion and expose hearts for good or for ill?

? Maybe you are here today and you realize that you have been a pretender all along. Will you trust in Jesus?