

## **Sermon Outline**

“The Irrationality of Envy”

Matthew 27:11-26

- I.** The Sanhedrin “took counsel” to ensure Jesus’ death v. 1
  - The charge before Caiaphas was blaspheme 26:65
  - The charge before Pilate was insurrection 27:11
    - Barabbas and his partners were insurrectionists Mk 15:7
    - Jesus presented as the new David 21:9
  
- II.** The true reason for the Sanhedrin’s charges: envy 27:18
  - Jesus had what they did not have: authority
    - In his teaching
    - In his signs (miracles)
  
  - They wanted him destroyed
    - False witnesses
    - Differing charges
    - Preparing the crowd
  
- III.** Pilate has three witnesses to Jesus’ innocence
  - He was “amazed” at Jesus’ silence v. 14
  - He knew the Sanhedrin’s true reason v. 18
  - His wife’s dream v. 19 (*see* 2:12, 13)
  
- IV.** Persuasion of the crowd
  - The Sanhedrin set this up v. 20
  - The choice of Barabbas (the people’s hero) v. 21
  - The cry: “His blood be upon us and our children” v. 25
    - See* 23:33-36 “this generation”