

Drop in a bucket

¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

¹⁸ With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" ¹⁹ (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again.

²¹ But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

²² For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

"The Weight of Forgiveness"

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1. We are _____

2. We _____ Christ

Romans 3:23

²³ *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

3. Christ Forgave - ³⁴**Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."**

a. The _____

b. His _____

c. _____

4. Should we _____

How to Forgive

1. _____ the hurt.

2. Did they _____ me more than I hurt _____?

3. Did _____ forgive me?

4. Should I _____ them?