25 February 2024

Go against the flow

**Legal** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . **presented to the crowd**. Luke 23:13-17

 The judge’s . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . v14 “I have examined Him…”

 The judge’s . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . v14 “Not Guilty of your charges”

 Pilate’s seven declarations “no basis for the charges”

 2 Corinthians 5:21 “Him who knew no sin”

**Go against the** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . **of the crowd**. Luke 23:18-19

 The crowd is as . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . as one another, v18 “in unison”

 The crowd is as . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . as one another, v18 “Barabbas”

**Go against the** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . **of the crowd**. Luke 23:20-22

 The crowd refuses to . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . v20 “kept shouting”

 “The Word of the Lord has become offensive” Jeremiah 6:10

 “Faith comes by hearing… the Word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

 The crowd refuses to . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . v22 “What has He done?”

 “…be transformed by renewing your mind” Romans 12:2

**Go against the** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . **of the crowd**. Luke 23:23-25

 Most . . . . . . . . . . . is not correct. v23 “insistent, demanding, loud”

 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . in not always right. v23-24 “clamour, demand”

“I chose you out of the world” John 15:19

**My prayer priorities for this week**

S 25 Phil & Louise

M 26 Aileen & George

T 27 Ray & Helen

W 28 Geoff & Joy

T 29 Steve & Jenni

F 1 Val A. Lorraine B.

S 2 Stuart & Kaye

S 3 Clarence & Irene

**Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion**

1. An hour before his inevitable crucifixion, Barabbas was released. What do you imagine became of him?
2. Pilate stated 7 times that there was no basis for any charge against Jesus. Why is this important for the Gospel to be effective (2 Corinthians 5:21)?
3. We live in an ‘echo chamber’ where ‘fake news’ is thoughtlessly repeated. How do we introduce Truth and sanity?
4. Pilate twice declared Jesus was innocent, adding “Therefore, I will punish Him, and release Him.” (v16, 22) Why would Pilate think this was a win-win-win solution for him, for the priests, and for Jesus?
5. Why do you think Pilate’s plan was not accepted by the priests? What does that tell you about the priests? What does it tell you about Pilate?
6. Why is following your conscience not always a good idea (1 Timothy 4:1-2)? What is a better alternative (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

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