

Countdown to Calvary

**24 hours
in the life of Jesus
Luke 22-23**

**An Alliance of Evil
Luke 23.1-12**

An unlikely alliance v12

anyone whose enemy is my enemy, is my friend

beware of friendships

that are based on a shared hatred

1. The Jewish Religious Leaders

- unscrupulous, vs1-2,5,10

ceremonially clean, but morally corrupt

John 18.28

➤ ***subversion: a false accusation 22.52-53***

➤ ***tax evasion: a downright lie 20.25***

➤ ***kingship: a misrepresentation 22.67-68***

“my kingdom is not of this world” John 18.33-38

Jesus reacted with dignified silence Mt 27.12-14

so should we Is 53.7; 1 Pet 2.23; Rom 12.17-21

2. Pilate – a weak-willed man, vs3-7

he tried to wriggle out of his responsibilities

he wasn't concerned about truth John 18.38

- only his own convenience

he tried to pass the buck vs 6-7

he tried to appease protestors vs 13-16

Jesus reacted by reminding him that truth matters

John 18.37; 1.14;

so does righteousness, for us Mat 5.6

3. Herod – a shallow, insincere man, vs8-9,11

he wanted to meet Jesus,

but for all the wrong reasons

*Jesus performed miracles to help people,
not to entertain people*

Jesus reacted by remaining silent v9

when confronted by someone

who had refused to repent Lk 3.20; Mk 6.17-28

shallow people often resort to bullyboy tactics v11

Be careful of the company you keep Psalm 1.1;

1 Cor 15.33

God has installed Jesus as his King Psalm 2.1-6