

## **Crossover Ministries Scriptures from 4/8/07 Sermon (Easter Sunday)**

### **“The Value of Easter” Living on Purpose**

#### **What Do You Value?**

- **Family (Wife, kids, mom, dad, etc.)**
- **Money (material possessions)**
- **Job (Career, accolades, credentials)**
- **Friends and a good time**
- **Don't know**

**Nugget:** Most people never answer this question and therefore they never live the life they desire to live and fulfill their purpose.

**Nugget #2:** What we value ultimately will determine how we live and our purpose!

#### **What Jesus Valued!**

##### **John 10:10 (New Living Translation)**

"...My purpose is to give life in all its fullness."

##### **Luke 2:49 (New King James Version)**

And He said to them... "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

#### **1. When you know what you value, you can articulate your life's purpose**

##### **Matthew 16:21-23 (New Living Translation)**

21From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that he had to go to Jerusalem, and he told them what would happen to him there. He would suffer at the hands of the leaders and the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, and he would be raised on the third day.

22But Peter took aside and corrected him. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

23Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, and not from God's."

#### **2. When you know what you value, you embrace your purpose**

##### **Matthew 26:47-50 (New International Version)**

47While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

48Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "the one I kiss is the man; arrest him."

49Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

50Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for."

### **3. When you know what you value, you are governed by your purpose**

#### **John 19:1-2 (New Living Translation)**

1Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. 2The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head, and they put a royal purple robe on him. 3Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, and they hit him with their fists.

**Nugget:** When you have values that you live by you don't quit what you are purposed to do at the first sign of adversity!

**Nugget:** Values keep your direction clear and your soul at peace!

### **The Dilemma of Not Knowing What You Value**

#### **1. Pilate's Dilemma**

##### **Mark 15:1**

"Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed over to Pilate."

#### **2. When you have no values, you compromise truth and live in fear**

##### **Luke 23:4**

Then Pilate announced to the Chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

##### **John 19:4-8 (New Living Translation)**

4Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty." 5Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, "Here is the man!"

6When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, "Crucify! Crucify!"

"You crucify him," Pilate said. "I find him not guilty."

7The Jewish leaders replied, "by our laws he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God."

8When Pilate heard this, he was more frightened than ever.

##### **John 19:15-16 (New International Version)**

15... "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

16Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

### **3. Not knowing what you value leaves you morally deficient**

#### **Matthew 27:24**

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," "It is your responsibility!"

#### **4. Not knowing what you value tortures the soul!**

##### **Matthew 27:19**

While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

#### **Conclusion: The Value of Easter?**

##### **The Resurrection embodies the values that fulfill purpose**

##### **Luke 24:1-8**

1On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightening stood beside them. 5In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." 8Then they remembered his words.

**Easter reminds us of the importance values!**

**Easter reminds us of the importance to be governed by our values...not our feelings or our circumstance**

**Easter is a day to value because it is a day we are reminded that we have been purposed like Christ to fulfill the life we have been given.**