

Lesson Notes:

**Now that you've found Jesus how will you respond?**

We have all been offered the love of Jesus. It is up to each of us to determine what we do with it. After being a close friend of Jesus Judas betrayed him. Some of the same people that had listened to Jesus preach in the Temple pursued him with clubs and swords. Caiaphas completely rejected the truth of Jesus. Pilate was indifferent to Jesus and wanted him out of his life. Herod was not interested in Jesus the man. All he wanted was to see a miracle. Many people today follow the examples of Judas, Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod. It's up to each of us to do the most we have with the love Jesus has provided. .

**Scriptural Principles**

- 1) **Judas betrayed him with a kiss** – In **Luke 22:47-48** we see that Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Later Judas hangs himself (**Matthew 27:5**).
- 2) **Many met him with Clubs and Swords.** – In **Mark 14:43** a party came with Judas sporting swords and clubs as if they needed them.
- 3) **Caiaphas** – In **Mark 14:61-64** Caiaphas completely rejects Jesus and sends him to Pilate under the sentence of death..
- 4) **Pilate wanted to wash his hands of the matter** – In **Luke 23:13-24** Pilate made every attempt to release Jesus but he was more concerned with how he would be received than the life of an innocent man. Finally in **Matthew 27:24** Pilate attempted to wash his hands of the matter.
- 5) **Herod wanted to see a miracle** – In **Luke 23:8** we find that Herod was looking forward to meeting him but when Jesus refused to grant him a miracle he sent him back to Pilate.
- 6) **How do we respond as believers?** – By loving Christ with all our hearts, minds and souls (**Matthew 22:37**). Paul tells us in **Romans 12:1-3** that we should present ourselves to God as our reasonable service for the debt he paid in our place.

**Finally, now that you have found Jesus' love, what are you doing with it?**