

In the Shadow of the Cross
Who Is This Man?

Scripture reading: Mark 15:1-15

- I. The religious leaders rejected Jesus' claims to be the Messiah and felt he was a threat to their leadership.

- II. Pilate and Herod seemed intrigued by Jesus, but they acted to protect their own interests in the end.

- III. The crowd is a mixture of people with vested interests in the existing structures of power so they called for Jesus' crucifixion along with the religious leaders.

- IV. Barabbas is a criminal who is set free on the Passover, instead of Jesus who is innocent.

- V. Others grieved Jesus' suffering, believed in him, and followed him to the cross.