

Title: The Greatest Love

Subtitle: The Great Exchange

Text: Luke 23:13-25

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Subject Matter: Atonement. Holiness. Substitution.

1. Ponder _____ (vv.13-15)

2. See _____ (vv.16-21)

3. Cling _____ (vv.22-25)

Luke 23

13 Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, **14** and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. **15** Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. **16** I will therefore punish and release him." **18** But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— **19** a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. **20** Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, **21** but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" **22** A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." **23** But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. **25** He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Hebrews 1:1-3** and **7:26-27**. Why is the moral perfection and absolute holiness of Jesus so important when we consider our salvation?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 5:21** and **Romans 8:3-4**. What popular misconceptions of salvation and Christianity can an understanding of the full and complete exchange of our sin for Christ's righteousness help us avoid?
3. Read **Philippians 3:4-9**. How does this passage help you respond to those who think that they are acceptable to God because they are "basically good"?
4. Read **Hebrews 4:14-16**. How should this text motivate us and help us when we are tempted to think a perfectly holy Christ couldn't understand our problems?