

## Anderson County Crusades --- Day 3

May 7, 2002  
Tuesday, 7 pm

Jared Douglas (Red Oak TX) - rolled a frying pan to look like a burrito & ripped a small phone book in half. Jared was in the Marines for six years. He has never drank alcohol, never tried drugs, and was a virgin when he got married at the age of 22.

I am complete in Christ (Colossians 3). People keep trying things to complete themselves. Only one thing (Jesus) can complete you. Everything else depletes you. It takes courage to follow Jesus and to be a warrior. (Acts 4:13)

Jared was baptized at the age of 6. So he pretended to be a Christian for several years until high school. Don't believe what someone tells you. Test yourself.

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Evangelist -- Ken Freeman

### Voices, choices (Luke 23: 1-24)

Pontius Pilate

You are subject to voices all day long. Friends, neighbors, coworkers, radio, TV.

God speaks to you also. Not audibly, although He can! John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

- Luke 23:2 The world creates lies about Jesus.
- Luke 23:5 The world gets very enthusiastic.
- Luke 23:12 Herod will finally become Pilate's friend; it's easier to get along.
- Luke 23:14-16 Pilate at least scourges Jesus (to please others).
- Luke 23:18 The crowd yells for Jesus' death (and Luke 23:21).
- Luke 23:23 The loud voices of the crowd and the chief priests prevail.

The world has a great big voice. Millions of agents. Here are some things that the world says:

- Abortions occur 5000 times each day in this country alone.
- Homosexuality is natural. Sexual promiscuity is desirable.
- You are entitled to material goods, relaxation, good reputation, personal space, etc.

John 1:23 John the Baptist was called to be a loud voice in the wilderness. You are too! You must be the voice of God wherever you go.

Apparently it is perfectly acceptable to use God's name in vain. But you can't pray in school or in public.

Isaiah 59:2-3 Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity.

Pilate wants to do the right thing (Luke 23:20). Wants it desperately. But he is listening to the wrong voice. At sporting events, the voice of the fans can carry a team to victory. Pilate gives his sentence. And then washes his hands.

Jesus could probably hear lots of voices on the cross. Could hear children playing. May have heard housewives talking. Maybe a few business deals.

Be careful of the voices. Andrea Yates listened to the wrong voices and killed her five young children. Even though she was a good mother and did not want to kill them.

John 8:42-47 The natural man has the devil as his father. Lies are the devil's natural language.

Voices, choices.