

I. Jesus is Condemned to Die



Reflection

The people of Jerusalem decided as a society that they did not want Jesus to live. They chose Jesus' death. The people shouted their desire for His death when Pilate wanted no part of Jesus' sentence. Society decided that they should live and Jesus should die. His life was not worth living. It should be ended.

Teaching

Our Catholic Christian teaching says that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We hear those words in scripture and we echo them in teaching again and again. Every person is given their dignity by God. It is not earned and it does not apply to different people in different degrees. God's love and mercy flow freely to every person, everywhere.

Prayer

Jesus we pray today that our world might recognize all people as gifts of God. That all might share in the life and love and creation given by You alone. May we learn to live out this belief in our words, our actions and our prayer. May our love for God's people continue to grow just as You love us and bless our lives.