

"Behold, the Man!"

Text: John 19:1-12a

Scripture reading: I Peter 2:11-25

I. Disgraceful contempt - vv. 1-5

Beholding Christ: The shame of sin
(Isaiah 53:5)

II. Ethical cowardice - vv. 6-8
(Lev. 24:16)

Beholding Christ: The stand of courage
(Isaiah 50:5-7)

III. Authorized condemnation - vv. 9-12a
(Isaiah 53:7-8; Rom. 13:1; Acts 2:22-23)

Beholding Christ: The greatest of sins
(Mark 12:38-40)

"...formal religionists, inflamed by religious animosity, are often the degraders of religion for the gratification of their hatred. They are poor preservers of the Church who call on the secular arm to execute their 'laws.'"
Alexander MacLaren

Sermon quote:

James M. Boice comparing the sins of Pilate with the sins of the Jewish rulers - John 19:11,

"Taken together the parts of the comparison teach that the greatest danger lies, not with the state, but with those who are closest to spiritual things. Others may sin out of ignorance or neglect or cowardice. But religious people are inclined to sin out of arrogance or pride or actual hatred of God and God's truth - even when they think they are most moral."