

Jesus' Answer

by Basilea Schlink

We must respond to God's love by turning from our rebellion and trusting in His goodness and mercy.

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Scripture: Matthew 27:25, Luke 19:14, Acts 2:21, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8, Hebrews 9:22, 1 Peter 2:24

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Description

In this sermon by Basilea Schlenk titled 'Jesus' Answer,' the speaker reflects on the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. She highlights how Jesus' sacrifice for the world was not valued by the people, who wanted to get rid of him because they deemed him unworthy. The brutality of the soldiers during the scourging symbolizes the rebellion of our hearts against God and our refusal to let Jesus rule over us. The sermon emphasizes the need to turn away from this rebellion and trust in God's love, as Jesus' blood was shed for our salvation.

Transcript

God lives and works today. Ever anew, He turns to us in His love, stretching His arms out to us in His Son, Jesus Christ. But how do we respond to His love? Two thousand years ago, when Jesus went His way to the cross, the crowd shouted, Away with Him! We don't want Him to rule over us! What are our words like? This is the question we are confronted with in today's meditation by Basilea Schlenk, called Jesus' Answer.

Many men are prepared to lay down their lives in war, because they know, my people expect their country to be protected through sacrifice. They know that their death will be valued. But people didn't want to know that Jesus' life was a sacrifice for the world.

The death of the Son of God was not valued. On the contrary, people wanted to get rid of Jesus, because they decided that He was not good enough for this earth. They could no longer stand Him in His holiness.

They didn't want Him to become their king, and so they cried, Away with Him! The brutality of the soldiers at the scourging openly showed His people's rejection of Him. Let's consider this well. The scourging of our Lord Jesus is the revolt of our hearts against God, our rebellion against His will.

We know how our hearts can rebel when things do not go the way we desire. But we usually don't realize that this rebellion is actually directed at Jesus. It strikes Him just like the blows of the whips at the

scourging.

Behind our rebellion is the shout, Away with Him! We don't want this man to rule over us. If we mistrust God's love when He leads us difficult ways or when He judges us, we are falling into the sin of scourging Him. Therefore, we must turn from these ways if we do not want to belong to those who grieve and torment Jesus' heart.

The people shouted, Away with Him! His blood be on us and our children. They meant that they didn't mind if vengeance came upon them. But Jesus' answer was overwhelming.

Yes, He would let His blood come upon them, but as the blood of forgiveness and reconciliation, the blood that cleanses and makes us holy. Oh, amazing wonder of His love! I thank You, Lord. I thank You thousandfold.

Oh, victim pure, with love I You behold. What an incredibly loving response from Jesus to the hatred of men. Now there is such power in His blood that all who call upon it will receive repentance and grace.

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