

## Compelled by the Cross Mark 15:1-21

Introduction – Determining what will influence our lives also determines what life will be lived for.

### I. A political agenda – vv. 1-14

- The Sanhedrin had a singular purpose: death – Matthew 27:1
- Pilate is surprised by a lack of defense and fear in his heart
- A weak solution offered/ Barabbas
- Realization of motive: envy
- Influencing their cry for crucifixion

### II. A spiritual agenda – vv. 15-20

- Scourged, beaten and mocked – Isaiah 53: 3-8
- Made a spectacle by sadistic soldiers
- Lost sheep returned – 1 Peter 2:21-25

### III. A supernatural agenda – v. 21

- Simon, a Cyrene, suddenly surprised
- Out of obscurity – Mark 8:34
- A legacy created – Romans 16:13; Acts 13:1

Conclusion – Carrying the cross of Christ makes us apart of the heritage of heaven.