

August 14, 2022

Today's Text  
John 19:16-24



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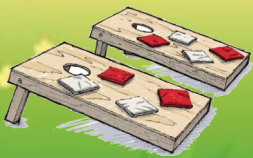
We at North Street Christian Church are a group of people who are passionate about and living for the glory of God. We gather together to worship Christ because He is totally worthy. In our worship of God we aim to know God which is why we spend time in the Bible. You will find our services to be sermon heavy and very focused on the proper interpretation of the text. Join us as we aim to be the church, and properly understand the living God that we serve.

### Who's to Blame

We come in our text today to the cross of Jesus Christ. John's narrative leading to the cross can leave us wondering who is responsible for the death of Jesus. Obviously, the Jewish leaders have some blame. They trumpet up false charges, coaxed the crowd to shout for His crucifixion, and bullied Pilate into giving them what they want. Pilate holds some blame as the coward that wouldn't release an innocent man. He ignored justice to appease people which is a sad way to live. In Acts 2:23, Peter helps us grasp that Jesus wasn't a victim, He was the plan. Peter says, that Christ was "delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God." Man is certainly not innocent in the matter, but God had foreordained this plan. God was in control, Jesus was in control, and nothing can thwart God's plan. Christ's words to Pilate really put the whole thing into perspective, "you would have no authority over me unless it had been given to you from above." Even from the cross, Jesus was still in charge. He proves that fact on Sunday morning when He walks out of the grave.

### CHURCH PICNIC TODAY!!!

Join us for lunch after church today at ALAMEDA PARK in the Masonic Shelter. We have a smoked pig, lots of drinks, and whatever everyone brings. NSCC is providing plate, napkins, silverware, cups.....etc, so no need to bring your own unless you would like. We will pray and begin eating around 12:30 but will continue to eat beyond that. Bring your cornhole boards and lawn games, and lawn chairs if you would like and plan to fellowship for the afternoon.



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	10:15 NO Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Men's Bible Study	6:30 ROOTED	10:30 SR Bible Study 7:00 20' & 30's Bible Study	7:00 Bible Study	5:00 Community Meal (2nd & 3rd of every month)