

## GOOD FRIDAY HOMILY 2016

1. Rather than preach simply note some characters and ask some questions for us to consider how we might be like them
2. Judas who betrayed Jesus
  - a. Have we ever been so angry with another that we wished him or her dead
  - b. Has profit ever been so important that we would allow another to suffer
3. Peter
  - a. Has the bravado to cut off the ear of the high priests servant in heat of moment
  - b. When that energy has dissipated, he denies knowing Jesus even to slaves and soldiers
4. Caiaphas – Jewish leader as High Priest
  - a. So concerned with political relationship with Rome that he looks for ways to condemn an innocent man
5. Pilate – represent Roman government
  - a. Even though Roman laws had legal procedures for a trial, Pilate is so cynical that he asks what is truth
  - b. He bends to the shouts of a few loudmouths in a crowd, giving up a known terrorist because they yell for the blood of Jesus
6. Mary
  - a. sees her son condemned, tortured and crucified
7. Unnamed disciple Jesus loved
  - a. Asked to take care of Mary
8. Finally Jesus Himself
  - a. Accepts all this pain physical torture and psychological abandonment all for the sake of leading us back to the Father
9. Take some time to reflect how we might be like each of these persons and how we can come back to the Father