



Living Lent 2023



Station One of the Cross | February 25

## Jesus is Condemned to Die

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*Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified." And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified."*

*So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."*

**Matthew 27: 22-24 RSV**

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### Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

Take a moment to wash your hands and think of a time when you did not want to get involved and washed your hands of the responsibility of standing up for someone innocent.

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### *Prayer*

Lord, we are so easily influenced by the shouting of others. It is easier to just go along with the crowd. Forgive us for the times we have washed our hands of the responsibility of standing up for the truth. Remind us that when we stand for the truth, we stand for you. Give us the courage to enter these stations and accept our responsibility for what happened to you on the Cross.

Amen

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