

## VALOR FOR MEN

FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM, ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME



### MEN GO THROUGH SOME CRAZY THINGS

What Man in his right mind would subject himself to some of the worst things we are put through in this life and time?

I think we all would ask if there was perhaps other options for us to chose from.

For us men, life is not just about choices, but about **Crosses we are given to carry!**

Sometimes we feel like we don't have a Choice, we just have to **bear a Cross**. **There are Places in life that we have to occupy till we take it.** Most often people don't even want us there, to occupy, and they certainly don't want us to remain there. Yet we have our Orders from someone Above us! Sometimes the Orders may seem reasonable to us, other times, they make little if any sense, yet we **shoulder the cross and obey those above.**



Problems arise somewhere in the World, and we are asked to fix them. Those above don't ask us if we think we can fix them, we're just **selected to be the answer.**



Go with me now to a similar subjection to obedience in the Time of the Roman Occupation of Jerusalem, Israel: Matthew 27:26 "Then he (Pontius Pilate, the Roman Procurator of Judea) released Barabbas (a bandit arrested for political terrorism) to them (the Nation who wished to sacrifice Jesus Christ instead) ; **and when he (Pilate) had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.**

27Then the soldiers of the governor took **Jesus** into the Praetorium and **gathered the whole garrison around Him.** <sup>28</sup>And they stripped **Him** and put a scarlet robe on **Him.** <sup>29</sup>When they had **twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head,** and a reed in **His** right hand. And they bowed the knee before **Him** and **mocked Him,** saying, "Hail, **King** of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>Then they spat on **Him,** and **took the reed and struck Him on the head.** <sup>31</sup>And when they had **mocked Him,** they took the robe off **Him,** put **His own** clothes on **Him,** and **led Him away to be crucified.**

<sup>32</sup>Now as they came out, **they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.** <sup>33</sup>And when they had come to a place called **Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,** <sup>34</sup>they gave **Him** <sup>£</sup>**sour wine mingled with gall to drink.** But when **He** had tasted *it,* **He** would not drink.

<sup>35</sup>Then they crucified **Him,** and

divided **His** garments, casting lots, <sup>£</sup>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

*"They divided My garments among them,*

*And for My clothing they cast lots."* <sup>£</sup> (Verses from NKJV)

I draw your attention to 4 Men here in the Sacred Scriptures: **1. Barabbas:** a Terrorist who deserved punishment, but was released. **2. JESUS CHRIST: A Holy and Just God/Man & King Who was Sacrificed on the Jewish Day of Atonement, bearing away the sin of the whole World.**

**3. Pontius Pilate:** Roman Governor given a difficult territory to govern under the fear of Tiberius Caesar. **4. Simon:** a man from a different Country subjected to bear a condemned man's **Cross, and win a name in the History of Mankind.** .....A MAN OF **VALOR!**