

Mea Culpa

Text: Matthew 27:1-24

Mea Culpa It means, "My bad....my fault."

Like it or not, we are all c_____ members in this production of Matthew 27.

JUDAS ISCARIOT

Judas compounded his moral failure by turning even further away from the mercy of God. Instead of turning to God for mercy, Judas gave up on God, and then he gave up on himself.

Ref: Psalm 103:12

Spiritual suicide is the ultimate act of giving up on God which can include walking away from God's Church and God's People

There is fresh w_____ and fresh f_____ for all who seek God.

Learn as lesson from Judas, even if you're tempted to give up on yourself. Don't give up on God. Run to him for m_____.

THE CROWD

Learn a lesson from the crowd. Don't be a puppet. Think for yourself.

PONTIUS PILATE

Pilate was in a position to further antagonize the religious leaders; in fact, he was desperate to earn their favor, and desperate to impress his superiors in Rome.

God has given us all responsibilities that cannot be shifted onto anyone else. You are responsible for you.

- You are responsible for the type of parent you will become.
- You are responsible for the type of spouse you will become.
- Your responsible for how well your job gets done.
- Your responsible for your own soul.
- You are responsible for your own spiritual life

You cannot shift that responsibility to anyone else.

We can learn a lesson from Pilate: Take responsibility for you're a_____.

We've got to remember, that we, too, are guilty. It was not the crowd, it was not Judas, it was not Pilate that sent Jesus to the cross. It was our sin. Your sin. My sin. I'm responsible. It's my fault. *Mea Culpa*. My bad. My fault. I'm guilty.

Guilty-----

because _____

There is a lesson we can learn here today. If we can recognize our guilt, we can receive his
g_____.