

I. What is Our Plea?

A. What is a plea?

B. Jesus, Our Advocate

1. 1 John 2:1-2

2. In the ancient world → the **advocate was like a** _____

3. Matthew Henry – "The clients are guilty; their innocence and legal righteousness cannot be pleaded.

It is _____ that he must plead for the criminals."

II. What Happened at the Cross?

A. "It is finished"

John 19:16-30

1. What was finished?

2. The Greek word for "It is finished" is _____, which means _____

3. Pecuniary or legal debt

4. Moral debt

B. How does Christ pay our moral debt?

1. How could the pecuniary repayment of a third party satisfy the personal, moral nature of the debt?

Rom. 3:10 - "There is none righteous, not even one"

James 2:10 - "For whoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all."

Matt. 22:40 - "On these two commandments depend the whole Law ..." What 2 commandments?
vv. 37-38

2. So, the whole Law depends on the greatest command – loving God with all that you have and all that you are →

3. Rom. 3:11 – "There is none who seeks for God;"

C. So, how does Jesus satisfy our moral debt?

III. So what happened at the cross? What was finished? What happened when the debt was paid?

That's what we'll be addressing next week on Palm Sunday