

## **Who To Blame?**

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One of the negative traits we learn as children is how to blame someone. Children hardly ever say, 'I did it. Sorry. Don't yell at that other person, yell at me.' Almost by nature, we feel the compulsion to transfer blame, even if we know we are not entirely innocent. Unfortunately, most of humanity has never grown up in this regard. Some people transfer blame till the day they die.

If you are like me, when listening to the Passion Narrative we just heard from *Luke's* Gospel, it is a real temptation to try to figure out who killed Jesus. Who is responsible for Jesus' death: the Jews, Pontus Pilate, Judas Iscariot, Peter, Satan, the crowds, God the Father?

Today, I invite us to not even go down that path of blaming. There is no need to blame. Whenever we blame, we tend to miss the point that we are supposed to get out of a situation.

As we move ahead with mass, let us be focused instead on the obedience of Jesus, the one as St. Paul said became "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." May we have that same obedience to God as well.