

## **The Mystery**

A young man once asked his pastor,  
    which of these it could possibly be.  
Was it the greed of Judas Iscariot,  
    that nailed Jesus to the tree?  
Was it the jealousy of the Jewish authorities,  
    that is behind this heinous deed?  
Was it the cowardice of Pontus Pilate,  
    that caused this innocent man to bleed?  
Was it the crowd who shouted "crucify him,"  
    that is the key to this mystery?  
Or was it the soldiers who finished the task,  
    that are the ones to be found guilty?

Then the pastor answered,  
    It isn't as simplistic as it might seem to be.  
For it wasn't just one of these that did it,  
    but these and many others, including you and me.  
For it was the sins of all mankind,  
    that sent Jesus to Calvary.  
For it was in our place that He willingly died,  
    to redeem all those who believe.  
For it was the cross that appeased God's wrath,  
    against the sins of all humanity.  
So ultimately it was God's holy love,  
    that nailed Jesus to the tree.

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