WEEK 03 / GROUP DISCUSSION

# The Jews Killed Jesus — Which Jews

### READ FROM THE BOOK

A Simple Example of a Dangerous Distortion in the Introduction and Jew Bomb #1 in Step Three.

### BIG QUESTION

> **Is "the Jews killed Jesus" an accurate historical statement?**

### CORE BIBLE PASSAGE

> **Acts 4:27–28 (NLT)**
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> "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will."
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> **John 10:17–18 (NLT)**
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> "The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

### THREE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does saying "the Jews" hide more than it explains?
2. What changes when we ask, "Which Jews?"
3. Can a particular crowd or group of leaders place guilt on Jews born centuries later?

### BOMB SQUAD EXERCISE

Specificity check. Identify the particular leaders, Pilate, Roman soldiers, and Jesus' Jewish followers. Replace a collective accusation with the most specific description the evidence supports.

### TAKEAWAY

**Ask "Which Jews?" Refuse collective guilt.**

### MEMORY VERSE

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