

HOME CHURCH SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

MATTHEW 27:11-26 • AUGUST 30, 2020

Last Days

Faithful Innocent Jesus Condemned to Death by Judge Pilate

WARM-UP

What makes social media an unproductive or even harmful place for an honest discussion of truth?

1. What difference did it make to Pilate that Herod, his wife, and himself, by his own findings pronounced Jesus innocent? What exposed his real highest value? Mk 15:15 and Jn 19:12-16
2. Contrast the crowd's mood from Monday Mt 21:4 & 9 to Friday Mt 27:16-18 & 21-25. What part did the chief priests and elders of Israel play in this trial? See v20 also Jn 19:15

DERELICTION OF DUTY SHAMEFUL FAILURE TO FULFILL ONE'S ROLE

3. Choose from the following list, all that were on trial on this day in history? Jesus, Pilate, Human government, Religion, All of humanity, The nation of Israel, The cosmos. What did these trials reveal about the Lord? Who on the list was derelict? Why? What are the terms used for Jesus in 1 Cor 2:7-8, Acts 2:22-23, Col 1:16 and 19-20?
4. How does the description of Jesus in Dan 8:13-14, and Jn 5:21-23 make His submission to the injustice and cruel sufferings even more amazing? Why did He do it? As a group express to Him your gratitude and worship

“He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified.”
Apostles Creed 390 AD
Washing his hands fooled no one
5. Pilate unknowingly formed the most important question a person can ever ask themselves: “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Christ?” v22 Share Bible verses among yourselves that give God's clear requirement of what we must do with His Son. If you need help, look up: John 1:11-12, 3:26, Rom 10:9-11. Have you personally received God's Salvation? How are we sometimes like Pilate in trying to avoid the Jesus question?

THE GOD WHO SENT THE DREAM

We stand in awe and amazement that God would send a dream to Pilate's wife to warn the executioner of His Son of eternal danger. As if He were saying, “Yes my Son will be condemned to go to the cross for the sins of the world, but Pilate don't let it be you that does it.”

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Who in your circle of friends needs to hear from you the full story of the love of Jesus?