

Questions on Luke chapter 23

1. The Sanhedrin's charge to Pilate concerning Jesus was not blasphemy? Why wasn't it? Verses 1-2.
2. Jesus answered in the form of a Hebrew affirmative. So why did Pilate pronounce Him not guilty? Verses 3-4.
3. Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod? Verses 5-7.
4. Why was Herod so happy to see Jesus? Verse 8.
5. What was Herod's revenge for Jesus' refusal to say or do anything? Verses 9-11.
6. Why would one commentator say that Pilate had gained only half his desire? Verse 12.

7. What was Pilate's reason for wanting only to "chastise" Jesus and set Him free when the rulers and the people still wanted Him killed? Verses 13-16.

8. How did Pilate involve the Jewish rulers in a dilemma? Verses 17-19.

9. Although Pilate pronounced Jesus innocent, and tried to reason with the rulers of the Jews, what statement (not recorded here) finally influenced him to release Barabbas and sentence Jesus to death? Verses 20-25. (See John 19:12)

10. What are we to make of the statement that Simon was compelled to bear the cross "after Jesus" when John states that Jesus bore His cross? Verse 26. (See John 19:17)

11. What calamity is predicted that caused Jesus to tell the daughters of Jerusalem not to weep for Him but for themselves and their children? Verses 27-31.

12. What are malefactors and why do you think Jesus was crucified between them? Verses 32-33.

13. According to John, it was Jesus' coat or tunic for which the soldiers were casting lots or gambling. Why were they casting lots for it instead of dividing it? Verse 34.

14. Was it possible for Jesus to save others and Himself also? Verses 35-37.

15. Why do you think Pilate ordered the superscription to read as it did and why didn't the Jewish leaders like it? Verse 38. (See John 19:21-22)

16. Did only one of the thieves revile Christ at first or were both involved? Verses 39-40. (See Matthew 27:44)

17. What did the penitent thief do when no other person in the whole world was willing to do at that moment? Verses 41-42.

18. Is this a case of salvation without obedience to the New Covenant? Why didn't Jesus command him to be baptized? Verse 43.

19. Do you think the darkness and the rending of the veil were supernatural events, and if so, why? Verses 44-46.

20. Do you think the conduct of Jesus on the cross and the disturbances of nature may have changed some minds leading to the great harvest at Pentecost? Verses 47-49.

21. What is the strange paradox about Joseph, described by John as a “secret” disciple? Verses 50-52.

22. What features of the burial of Jesus would fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 53:9 that the Christ would make His grave with the rich in His death? Verse 53.

23. Why was Jesus given such a hasty burial? Verse 54.

24. Although Jesus’ body was laid in the sepulcher, was it completely embalmed after the manner of the Jews before the Sabbath? Verses 55-56.