

Questions on Matthew chapter 27

1. Since the chief priests and elders had already pronounced Jesus worthy of death, and since it was not lawful for them to put Him to death (See John 18:31), what do you think they were discussing at this point? Verse 1.

2. Why do you think Jesus was delivered to Pontius Pilate? Verse 2.

3. Since Judas “repented” and took the money back, didn’t that make things right? If not, why not? Verse 3.

4. In your view, what kind of testimony or circumstance could have persuaded the Jewish leaders to change their decision to seek Jesus’ death? Verse 4.

5. In view of Judas’ extreme remorse, do you think he was motivated by malice toward Jesus or because he thought Jesus would escape death as He had so many times? Verse 5.

6. What inconsistency do you see in the conduct of these men in their refusal to put the money into the treasury? Verse 6.

7. What remark in these verses indicates that Matthew wrote this a considerable length of time after the transaction? Verses 7-8.

8. What is a possible explanation that the quotation here is not found in Jeremiah (Jeremy King James Version), but a similar one is found in Zechariah? Verse 9.

9. Since Pilate does not seem too alarmed by the charge against Jesus, do you think he views Jesus' kingdom as a rival of Caesar's? Verses 10-11.

10. Since Jesus answered nothing to the charges of the Jews, what do you think convinced Pilate of Jesus' innocence? Verses 12-14.

11. Why would it please the people to release a prisoner, and why would the governor do such a thing? Verse 15.

12. Why was Barabbas a prisoner according to Mark and John? Verse 16.

13. How did Pilate know that envy was behind the Jews' charges? Verses 17-18.

14. Who was the only one to speak up for Jesus and call Him a just man? Verse 19.

15. By offering the people a choice between Barabbas and Jesus how did Pilate think he would solve his dilemma? Verses 20-23.

16. What should Pilate have done when the mob tried to counter his judgment? Verse 24.

17. What fate did these Jews bring down on themselves and their children? Verse 25.

18. Who was the first man saved by the death of Jesus? Verse 26.

19. What indignities did Jesus suffer at the hands of the heathen soldiers? Verses 27-31.

20. How does Luke's statement in Luke 23:26, "after Jesus," answer the apparent contradiction between John 19:17 and Matthew's statement? Verse 32.

21. How do the statements in Hebrews 13:12 and John 19:20 enlighten us about the location of Golgotha? Verse 33.

22. Why wouldn't Jesus drink the vinegar (sour wine) mingled with gall? Verse 34.

23. Why did the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' garment and why was it necessary to watch Him? Verses 35-36.

24. Why did the Jews object to the accusation over Jesus' head? Verse 37. (See John 19:21)

25. How did the choice of those to be crucified with Jesus add to the indignities heaped upon Him? Verse 38.

26. In your opinion, does David in Psalm 22:7-8 describe how Jesus would be reviled upon the cross? Verse 39.

27. Did Jesus threaten to destroy the Jewish temple and rebuild it in three days as He was quoted as saying? Verse 40. (See John 2:18-22)

28. Could Jesus have saved others if He had chosen to save Himself? If not, why not? Verse 41.

29. Were the chief priests, scribes, and elders sincere when they promised to believe Jesus if He came down from the cross? Verse 42.

30. Why do the chief priest, scribes, and elders assume that Jesus cannot be the Son of God, according to their mocking words? Verse 43.

31. Do both robbers continue their mockery until the end? Verse 44. (See Luke 23:35-43)

32. What time span does the sixth hour until the ninth hour embrace? Verse 45.

33. Why do you think those around the cross misunderstood what Jesus said? Verses 46-47.

34. Should we view the offer of vinegar (sour wine) to drink as an act of mercy or as more punishment? Verse 48.

35. Why was their argument not valid that Jesus could not be the Christ because Elijah had not yet come? Verse 49. (See Matthew 17:10-13)

36. What did Jesus say when He, “yielded up the ghost”? Verse 50. (See Luke 23:46)

37. The greatest of the seven Calvary miracles is the resurrection of Christ, but what other four are mentioned in these verses? Can you think of what the other two might be? Verses 51-53.

38. Do you think the centurion knew what he was saying when he confessed Jesus as the Son of God? Verse 54.

39. Of the many women who followed Jesus from Galilee and were looking on from afar, which ones are mentioned? Verse 55.

40. Mark records the name of the mother of the sons of Zebedee, what was it? Verse 56.

41. What kind of disciple was Joseph of Arimathea? Verse 57. (See John 19:38)

42. What things did Joseph do after Jesus' death? Verses 58-60.

43. Who else, not mentioned here, assisted in the burial of Jesus? Verses 58-60. (See John 19:39)

44. Why do you think Mary and Mary followed the body of Jesus to the tomb? Verse 61.

45. Since the next day began at sunset, and Jesus was crucified on the preparation day, what time do you think the guard was stationed? Verse 62.

46. What pretext did the chief priests and Pharisees use for requesting a watch? Verses 63-64.

47. Do you think the disciples ever entertained the idea of stealing the body of Jesus from the tomb and proclaiming that He had arisen? Verses 63-64.

48. Did Pilate reject the chief priests' and Pharisees' request as being ridiculous? Verse 65.

49. What precautions were taken to ensure that the tomb would not be opened? Verse 66.