

## Matt 26-27, Mk 14, Lu 22, Jn 18 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Matt 26:47-56 how was Jesus betrayed (v47-49) and how did Jesus (v50, 52-56) and others (v51, 56) respond? From 26:52-56 what was Jesus' mindset?	
5. Based on John 18:8-14 what was Jesus' real concern at His betrayal and why (v8-9)? Who cut off the ear (v10) and why did Jesus respond as He did (v11). Who tried Jesus first (v13-14)?	
6. Read Luke 22:54-62. Explain Peter's denials (v54-57, 58, 59-60, also Mt 26:72, 74) and why you think he acted that way. What occurred on the third denial (v61) and what resulted (v62)?	
7. Using John 18:19-24 what was Annas' line of questioning (v19)? How did Jesus answer (v20-22), what was the reaction (v22), and how did Jesus respond (v23)? To what did this lead (v24)?	
8. In Matt 26:57-66 what was the goal of Jesus' next trial before Caiaphas (v57-59)? What happened (v60-62) and what was Jesus' response (63, 64)? What was the verdict (v65-66)?	
9. Looking at Luke 22:63-65 how was Jesus treated after Annas' trial, and after Caiaphas' trial in Matt 26:67-68? What does this reveal about human nature?	
10. From Matt 27:1-10 what did Judas do when they condemned Jesus (v1-4)? What resulted (v4, 5) and what did the Jewish leaders do with this (v6-8)? Why was this significant (v9-10)?	
11. Review the "gauntlet" that Jesus had to run through—His burden at Gethsemane, His betrayal and denial, and His bludgeoning by the religious leaders. What was the challenge of each and how did He respond? Apply.	

### Scripture to Remember

"Keep watching and praying,  
that you may not enter into  
temptation; the spirit is willing  
but the flesh is weak."

**Matthew 26:41 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Lights, Camera, Action (Acts 4:36-5:16)

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Tell your group about the biggest gift you ever gave anyone. What expectations did you have, if any, and what was the response?
2. Read Acts 4:36-5:2. Contrast the two "gifts" - the amount, the motivation, and the expectations. Why is pretense or hypocrisy so offensive to God? How do we do this today?
3. Looking at 4:3-10 analyze Peter's confrontation—how he did it, why he did it, and the results of it. What would happen if something like this occurred today?
4. How well do you handle confrontation—either confronting someone else, or being confronted? When, how, and why must we do it?
5. Do you agree that "any Christian can be compromised"? Why? What are your greatest temptations? Why are we tempted to "conspire rather than confront"?
6. What does it mean to have a "healthy fear of God"? How can we cultivate that in a way that deepens our relationship with Him rather than putting distance there?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Running the Gauntlet

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In 1661 the Royal Navy began using the punishment known as “running the gauntlet”. The victim, stripped to the waist, would pass through a double line of men armed with sticks to beat him, hoping for survival. Similarly, Jesus endured a gauntlet the last twenty-four hours of His life. He was betrayed by a kiss, apprehended by His enemies, forced to face false charges at three mock trials and beaten by His captors—but all for our punishment, not His. And while it appeared that He didn’t survive, ultimately He became victorious over His enemies, obtaining our salvation. Jesus’ gauntlet began with His bowing before His Father at Gethsemane. As He went there with His disciples He told them that they would all fall away, although they vehemently rejected this idea. At

Gethsemane, however, as Jesus poured out His soul to God, they showed that they couldn’t watch and pray with Him for even one hour. Although Jesus knew He must endure the cup of God’s wrath He asked the Father to let it pass from Him if possible. He was willing to do it, though, if there was no other way to fulfill the Father’s plan. Resigned to bear our sins and God’s wrath, Jesus then ran through the gauntlet of betrayal and denial by His disciples. First, Judas arrived with soldiers and betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Having been captured without resistance He was led to the house of Annas, the High Priest “emeritus”, who questioned Jesus about His teaching; but since He had taught openly there was nothing new to say. During this trial Peter, who was out-



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side, denied Jesus three times, as prophesied. As he saw Jesus look at him, he went out and wept bitterly. With the first trial over, the trial before Caiaphas, the official High Priest, took place. The goal was to condemn Him, but they had to resort to false charges. Jesus said nothing, but didn’t deny that He was the Messiah. Thus He was sent to Pilate for sentencing. Seeing Jesus condemned, Judas returned the silver and hanged himself. Jesus was also mocked and beaten, bludgeoned at the hands of the leaders. He truly ran the gauntlet for us.

## Study Questions for Matt 26-27, Mk 14, Lu 22, Jn 18

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read Matt 26:30-35. What 2 things did Jesus prophesy (v31, 32)? What was Peter’s response (v33) and how did Jesus answer (v34)? How did they all react to this (v35)?</p>	
<p>2. Using Matt 26:36-39 how did Jesus approach His “hour” (v39) and what method did He use (v36, 37, 38)? What was His emotional state (v37, 38) and what did He pray (v39)? How can we apply this?</p>	
<p>3. In Matt 26:40-46 what did Jesus discover 3 times (v40, 43, 45) and what did He say about it (v40-41, 45)? What does this teach us? Why do you think Jesus prayed 3 times? What happened next (v46)?</p>	

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