

Matt 27, Lu 23, Jn 18-19 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From John 18:38-40 what did Pilate again tell the Jews (v38)? How did he try to avoid the issue this time (v39) and what was the reaction (v40)? Using Matt 27:18-19 what did Pilate know?

5. In John 19:1-6 how was Jesus treated next (v1, 2, 3) and what was he hoping (v4)? What did he say (v5) and how did they react (v6)? What did he then say (6)?

6. According to John 19:7-12 why did the Jews push Pilate (v7) and how did he react (v8, 9-10)? What did Jesus declare (v11) and what did this mean? How can we apply this? What was the result of this encounter (v12)?

7. Read John 19:13-16. Where did Pilate take Jesus next (v13) and when (v14)? What did he say to the Jews (v14, 15) and how did they react (v15)? How did they incriminate themselves (v15) and what happened next (v16)?

8. Based on Matt 27:22-26 who was responsible for Jesus' crucifixion (v22-23, 25, 26) and upon what grounds (v23)? What actions did Pilate take (v24, 26) and what did he think he was accomplishing? Is neutrality possible?

9. Using Luke 23:26-31 who was involved in Jesus' walk to His death (v26, 27)? How did Jesus admonish those who mourned (v28, 29-30)? Explain 23:31. How can we apply this?

10. Summarize the role of Pilate, Herod, the Jewish leaders, the multitudes and the mourners in the Jesus' crucifixion. How do the responses of Jesus contrast with this and demonstrate His innocence? How could such an injustice as this happen?

Scripture to Remember

“You say correctly that I am a king.
For this I have been born, and for
this I have come into the world, to
bear witness to the truth. Everyone
who is of the truth hears my voice.”

John 18:37 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Sheep with Teeth (Acts 5:12-42)

(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. What is different about the typical picture of a sheep and a “sheep with teeth”? As a Christian which picture do you think describes you best?
2. In Acts 4:12-16 there were the “rest”, the people, and the multitudes; what is said about each? Why were the “rest” afraid of the apostles and why did the “people” hold them in high esteem? Why should the church be a place to heal, but not to hide?
3. Why should the multitudes who believed be considered “sheep with teeth”? What is the cost of believing today?
4. How do you respond when you encounter trouble or God's discipline in your life? What are some reasons that “giving up” an irrational response for the believer?
5. Read Acts 5:17-20. What were the apostles told to do upon their release? What was their subject (v20)? What does this mean to you and how can we apply this?
6. Have you ever been “on trial”, in a sense, for your faith? When people corner us how can we go on the offensive for Jesus rather than merely defending ourselves? Why is this good?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **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

In 1939 the film short, "One Against the World", was produced, chronicling the events in 1809 surrounding the first invasive surgery in the US by Dr. Ephraim McDowell. The locals so opposed it that they threatened to lynch him if he performed the operation. This parallels Jesus' experience in saving the world. Knowing that the world needed nothing short of an internal change Jesus called for a new heart through repentance and faith in Him. However, the world opposed it so much that they crucified Him. Rather than one against the world, He was actually One *for* the world. This is focus of our study this week. It begins with a clear demonstration of the innocence of Jesus, in spite of Pilate's attempts to incriminate Him. The Jews enlisted Pilate to sentence Him to death be-

cause the Mosaic law forbade this. This would lead to death by crucifixion, thus fulfilling Jesus' prophecies. When questioned by Pilate about His kingship, Jesus informed him that His kingdom was of a different world—but He was indeed a king. Those who were of the truth knew this. Pilate, seeking to avoid responsibility cynically asked, "What is truth?" and then proclaimed Jesus' innocence. When he offered Barabbas to them for Jesus the Jews refused, showing their firm intention to murder Him. Pilate tried again to gain Jesus' release by torturing Him, but the Jews demanded His crucifixion. After one last attempt to secure a confession from Jesus failed to produce results, Pilate took Him to the judgment seat and sentenced Him. He told the Jews to be-

hold their king, but they incriminated themselves by declaring that they had no king but Caesar, an admission equivalent to blasphemy. Pilate then delivered Him to be crucified and symbolically washed his hands of guilt, although it was impossible to remain neutral. They then enlisted Simon to carry Jesus' cross and mourners followed Him to Calvary. He warned them that they should mourn for themselves, though, because such injustice in calm times foreshadowed greater injustice in more trying times. Jesus endured everything for us; He was One *for* the world.

Study Questions for Matt 27, Lu 23, Jn 18-19

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

1. Read John 18:28-32. Where was Jesus taken next (v28) and why (v31)? Describe Pilate's approach (v29, 31) and the Jews' hypocrisy (v30, 31). Why was Pilate's (Rome's) involvement necessary (v32)?	
2. Using John 18:33-38a. What were Pilate's questions (v33, 35, 37, 38a) and what were Jesus' answers (v34, 36, 37)? What was Pilate's mindset and goal, and what was Jesus trying to get across?	
3. Based on Luke 23:4-12 what was Pilate's initial verdict (v4) and the Jews' response (v5)? How did Pilate try to avoid the issue next (v6-7) and what were the results of this (v8-9, 10, 11, 12)?	

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