

MATTHEW – LESSON NINETEEN

I. THE TRIAL OF JESUS (26:57-27:26)

- A. Jesus before the High Priest, Caiaphas and Counsel (26:57-75)
 - 1. Testimony sought to put Jesus to death (26:56-63).
 - 2. The High Priest condemns Jesus by Jesus' own words (26:63-68).
 - 3. Peter denies the Lord (26:69-75).
- B. Jesus sentenced before the Counsel – delivered to Pontius Pilate (27:1-2)
- C. Remorse and suicide of Judas (27:3-10).
- D. Jesus before Pilate (27:11-26)
 - 1. Silence of Jesus (v.11-14)
 - 2. Barabbas preferred by the Jews to be released, instead of Jesus – message from Pilate's wife (v. 15-23).
 - 3. Pilate yields to the People - delivers Jesus to be crucified (v. 24-26).

QUESTIONS:

1. What was already determined in the counsel of Jews when Jesus went before the High Priest?
2. What pious gesture did the counsel set forth in trying Jesus?
3. What witness could you have given on behalf of Jesus, showing it was a false charge to charge Him of saying, "I am able to destroy the temple of God..."?
4. Why did Jesus hold his peace in the face of this charge?
5. Did Jesus swear that He is Christ, the Son of God?
6. What did those holding Jesus do to Him when He was before the Counsel?
7. Where exactly was Peter when Jesus was being tried before the Counsel?

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8. How did Peter react to the statements of the damsel and others connecting him with Jesus?
9. Why did Peter weep bitterly?
10. Why did the Counsel deliver Jesus up to Pilate?
11. What went through Judas' mind leading up to his suicide?
12. How did Judas and the chief priests and elders fulfill Scripture?
13. What did Jesus confess before Pilate?
14. Why did Pilate marvel at Jesus?
15. Why did Pilate want to release Jesus?
16. Who was released instead of Jesus?
17. Why did Pilate wash his hands before the Jews?