

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

MAY 19, 2021

MATTHEW 27:1,2,11-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. **MATTHEW 27.1:** *“When morning came...”* The night that Jesus was betrayed would have been a long and difficult night. (cf. John 13.30; Matt. 26.36,47,57)
2. **MATTHEW 27.1:** *“All the chief priests and elders of the people”*
 - a) This was the Jewish council also known as the Sanhedrin. (cf. Matt. 26.59; Mark 15.1)
 - b) Their intention: *“to put Him to death”* (Matt. 27.1; Mark 14.1; John 11.9-11)
 - c) Joseph was not included in this *“decision and deed.”* (Luke 23.50,51)
3. **MATTHEW 27.2:** *“And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.”*

I. THE ACCUSATION

- A. **MATTHEW 27.11:** *“Are you the King of the Jews?”*
 1. What led Pilate to ask Jesus this question? (John 18.28-33)
 2. Why did the Jewish council bring Jesus to Pilate? (John 18.30,31)
 3. From the beginning, Pilate had no interest in this case. (John 18.31)
 4. What kind of death did Jesus indicate He would suffer? (John 18.32)
- B. The Jewish council accused Jesus of three things. (Luke 23.1,2)
 1. **LUKE 23.1,2:** *“perverting the nations”* (Matt. 21.14-16)
 2. **LUKE 23.2:** *“forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar”* (Matt. 22.15-22).
 3. **LUKE 23.2:** *“saying that He Himself is Christ, a King”* (Matt. 16.16,17; John 6.69)
- C. How did Jesus respond to their accusations? (Matt. 27.12,13; 16.21-23)

II. THE INTEROGATION

- A. The interrogation by Pilate. (Matt. 27.11; John 18.33-38)
 1. QUESTION #1: *“Are you the King of the Jews?”* (John 18.33)
 - a) The answer: *“Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?”* (John 18.34).
 - b) Pilate had no interest in Jewish matters. (John 18.35)
 2. QUESTION #2: *“What have You done?”* (John 18.35)
 - a) All that Jesus did was good. (John 10.31-33; 21.25; Acts 18.38)
 - b) The answer: *“My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight”* (John 18.36). There was no threat of rebellion.
 - c) What is the kingdom? (Matt. 16.18,19; Col. 1.13; Dan. 2.44; Rev. 17.14)
 3. QUESTION #3: *“Are you a king then?”* (John 18.37)
 - a) The answer: *“You say rightly that I am a king.”* (John 18.37; cf. 1 Tim. 6.13)
 - b) Jesus came into the world which presupposes His preincarnation. (John 1.1-3)
 - c) Why did Jesus come into the world? (John 18.36; 1.14; 8.32-36)
 4. Pilate’s conclusion: (Luke 23.13,14)
- B. The interrogation by Herod. (Luke 23.5-12)
 1. Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod? (Luke 23.5-7)
 2. How did Herod treat Jesus? (Luke 23.8-12)
 3. Herod’s conclusion: (Luke 23.15)