

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter 27

- Why was it necessary to bring Jesus to the Roman governor?
- Read 2 Corinthians 7:10 and explain how this verse speaks to Judas' actions.
- What did the governor ask Jesus and why was that question important to him (27:11–14)?
- What does the choice of Barabbas over Jesus tell us about the accusers of Jesus (27:15–18, 20–26)?
- Describe the message Pilate received from his wife and why her dream was significant.
- How is the comment of the crowd recorded in 27:25 important to a theme Matthew has introduced several times already (see 21:33–45; 23:37–38; 24:2)?
- Why do you think Matthew included all the details about Jesus being scourged and beaten by the Roman soldiers?
- Pilate asked an important question in Matthew 27:22. Why is that question an important one for everyone?
- What did Jesus cry out in 27:46 and explain why this is referred to as “The Cry of Dereliction.”
- How do the Calvary Miracles of 27:51–53 speak of God's response to the crucifixion?
- Why is the centurion's response (along with those with him) important? (27:54)?
- Read John 19:38–42 for a fuller description of the burial of Jesus. Note who accompanied Joseph of Arimathea to the tomb. How is this significant?
- Read the account of Christ's crucifixion in Mark 15:21–32; Luke 23:26–43, and John 19:17–27. What similarities do you see? What differences? Which account moves you emotionally the most? Why?