



*THE OLD RUGGED CROSS #78*

Matthew 27:1-10, p. 1059

1. What is the purpose and/or result of the meeting described in v. 1?
2. How is what Judas did different than Biblical repentance? What did Judas do right? What did Judas do wrong?
3. What do you think of the actions and response of the religious leaders in connection with Judas (v. 3-10)?
4. What message/application hits you as you consider this first section- the Jewish leaders and Judas (v. 1-10)?

Matthew 27:11-26, p. 1059

5. How would you describe Pilate? What have you heard about what kind of person he was?

6. Luke's gospel tells us that the religious leaders made a number of accusations against Jesus before Pilate. Matthew just mentions the one that Pilate ended up focusing on in v. 11. Why would this charge have mattered to Pilate? How are we to understand Jesus' reply and his silence?
7. We don't know much about the custom mentioned in v. 15 that brings Barabbas into the picture. What do you understand about his role in this account – in relation to Pilate, to the religious leaders, to Jesus?
8. The record of what happened with Pilate's wife is only in Matthew's gospel. Her message to Pilate is difficult to translate. How do you understand her message to Pilate? What might have been the effect on her? Did it effect what Pilate did?
9. How do you think the religious leaders were able to persuade the crowd "to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus" (v. 20)? What does it say about these people?
10. Is what Pilate says about his actions in v. 24 true? Why or why not?

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