

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY ASSIGNMENT – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022
“THE PASSION, PASSOVER AND POWER OF JESUS CHRIST” THE ANSWERS

1. Which day of the week is this final trial held for Jesus in Matthew 27:1 and why do you think the Sanhedrin held this additional trial for Jesus after they already convicted him the night before?

ANSWER: Friday, now known as Good Friday. They held another trial to make it official since night-time trials were forbidden! This was a farce! The entire trial of Jesus was illegal!!

2. Who was Pontius (PON-chus) Pilate and what was his title and what were some of his powers?

ANSWER: Pontius Pilate was governor or in Latin procurator of Judea, the province where Jerusalem was located. As procurator he had absolute authority over non-Roman citizens. He reported to the Roman governor who lived in Syria to the north. See (Luke 2:2).

3. How did Judas commit suicide and where else in the New Testament do we find the story of Judas' death at his own hands?

ANSWER: Matthew 27:5 says Judas hung himself. Yet, Acts 1:18 says Judas fell headlong and his body burst open and his intestines came out! Bible experts believe Luke was saying that Judas bought the Potter's Field or Field of Blood because his actions bought it and that Caiaphas and chief priests did not want their name on the property and so they bought it in Judas' name. Thereby harmonizing these two accounts.

4. What did the chief priests do with the money that Judas returned to them and why do you think they took this action with the money?

ANSWER: They used the money to purchase a field to bury poor folks but they were being hypocritical because they gave Judas the money in the first place! They also did not want that money to stay in the holiest part of the Temple.

5. Of the three main charges against him, Jesus only responded to which single charge and what was that charge and how did Jesus plead?

ANSWER: Matthew 27:11 answered the charge of claiming to be the Messiah as yes, I am guilty! He was indeed the Messiah!

6. What was the criminal Barabbas' full name and what was he guilty of?

ANSWER: Barabbas' first name was also Jesus. SEE Matthew 27:15-17 NET:

15 During the feast the governor was accustomed to release one prisoner to the crowd, whomever they wanted.

16 At that time they had in custody a notorious prisoner named Jesus Barabbas.

17 So after they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Christ?"

21 The governor asked them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas!"

22 Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?" They all said, "Crucify him!"

7. How did the words of the Jewish mob condemn themselves and their children to be charged with the death of the Christ and how do you think this led to hatred among some Christians against all Jews?

ANSWER: In Matthew 27:25 the mob said Jesus' blood would be on them and their children. This text and others have been used by some Christians to justify their hate for the Jews because they killed Jesus but this is not true because 1) Romans soldiers killed Jesus, not Jews and 2) Jesus was a Jew!!

8. What famous quote from Pilate has been used even today to show that someone has nothing to do with the wrong actions of an individual or group and did this action free Pilate from blame in causing the death of Jesus?

ANSWER: In Matthew 27:24 Pilate washed his hands of Jesus death but was still guilty because he allowed a mob to convict an innocent man.

9. Although the Jews are charged with killing Jesus, did they really execute Jesus?

ANSWER: No, the Roman soldiers executed Jesus. Like many black men today, Jesus was unjustly killed by the police.

10. What do you think was the meaning of the Roman soldiers taking off Jesus clothes and putting the scarlet robe on him and why did they put the clothes back on Jesus?

ANSWER: They were mocking Jesus because Jesus said he was the king of Jews and scarlet was the color worn by royalty. They probably put his clothes back on Jesus because they did not want to drag a Jewish rabbi naked through the streets.

11. What was the name of the man who was forced to carry the cross for Jesus and where was he from?

ANSWER: His name was Simon, and he was from Cyrene, in northern Africa (see Acts 2:10), and this means the last person to carry Jesus' cross was an African. A Black man!

12. Why was the place where Jesus was crucified called, Golgotha?

ANSWER: Golgotha is the Hebrew word for "skull." So, Golgotha became known as the "place of the skull." The familiar name "Calvary" is derived from the Latin word calvaria (also meaning "skull"). Thus, it became known as Place of a Skull, so Golgotha is also Calvary!