

Matthew Chapter 27 Questions for Discussion:

1. What events happened in this chapter concerning Judas and his death? What do you find important in this text? What do you think it means that Judas “repented himself”?
2. Throughout the interaction of Pilate with Jesus, a recurring concern we see is “King of the Jews”. What do you see as the significance of this, to both Pilate and the Jewish people and to all that witnessed the trial and execution of Jesus?
3. How do you see the gospel in the story of Barabbas?

4. We call the first four books of the New Testament collectively, “the gospels”. Each book gives an account of the life, ministry, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While telling the same story, some books disclose details that others do not. For that reason, a serious student of Scripture will look at all four to gain a better understanding of the “gospels” and get the full picture.
 - a. Theologians refer to the first three books (Matthew, Mark, Luke) by a special term. What is that term and why is it given to the first three of the four gospels?
 - b. We frequently use the term “four gospels” when speaking of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Is that an accurate expression? Why or why not?
 - c. Using all four gospel accounts to understand all that Scripture reveals of the events of Jesus’ arrest, trial, execution, and burial (the time-period of Matthew 27), compile a chronological summary of what is recorded to have happened.

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