

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 35
Trial
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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 196
(Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16)

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Matthew 27:22 (HCSB)

A. Introduction

B. Responses to Jesus
(Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:13-25;
John 18:39-19:16)

1. _____.
(Matthew 27:19)

2. _____.
(Matthew 27:15-18, 20-23; Luke 23:13-16, 18-19)

3. _____.
(John 19:1-12)

4. _____.
(Matthew 27:24-25; John 19:13-16)

Answers: 1. Awareness 2. Antagonism 3. Ignorance 4. Indecision

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you draw closer to God. Try not to rush through these questions, but take time to learn and grow. Ask God to speak to you in His Word. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Describe something that has been really challenging for you in the past year. How have you responded (or how *did* you respond) to this challenge?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read *The Life of Jesus*, Reading #196 (this is a harmony of [Matthew 27:15-26](#); [Mark 15:6-15](#); [Luke 23:13-25](#); [John 18:39-19:16](#)).

1. Who was Pilate (see also Luke 3:1)?
2. What did Pilate believe about Jesus? Highlight or underline several places in Reading #196 that describe Pilate's point of view.
3. Read [Matthew 27:24-25](#) (bottom of p. 233 in *The Life of Jesus*). Pilate *washed his hands* as a public gesture – not a Roman gesture, but a Jewish one. Why did he do this? Was this honorable? Why or why not?
4. What feelings does the Bible lead you to have toward Pilate?
5. Ultimately, what was Pilate's role in the death of Jesus?
6. Who were the main people who wanted Jesus to be executed? Why were they so determined for Jesus to be crucified?
7. The Bible tells us why Barabbas had been put in prison ([Luke 23:19](#)). Why do you think it gives us this detail?

8. Why was there such confusion and disagreement about Jesus?
9. Some people loved Jesus, many hated Him, and others were indifferent.
 - a. Describe a time in your life when you've either hated, loved or felt indifference toward Jesus.
 - b. Which of the three categories best describes you now?
10. Why is it important how people feel about Jesus?

Soul Training

Read [John 19:1-3](#) and also the notes about *The Flogging of Jesus*, p. 232, in *The Life of Jesus*. Write out a prayer or simply talk with Jesus about what He endured... what this must have been like for Him. Use this time to help you receive and experience Jesus' sacrificial love.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or Bible Reference
Oct. 2	191	Matthew 27:1-2 ; Mark 15:1 ; Luke 22:66-23:1
Oct. 3	192	Matthew 27:3-10
Oct. 4	193	Matthew 27:2, 11-14 ; Mark 15:1-5 ; Luke 23:2-5 ; John 18:28-38
Oct. 5	194-195	Luke 23:6-12
Oct. 6	196	Matthew 27:15-26 ; Mark 15:6-15 ; Luke 23:13-25 ; John 18:39-19:16

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 8, we'll study the crucifixion of Jesus. The main text is found in Reading #199 in *The Life of Jesus* (which is the harmonization of [Matthew 27:33-37](#); [Mark 15:22-26](#); [Luke 23:32-34](#); [John 19:17-24](#)).