

**Station 3:**  
*The Trials of Jesus*

Before reading the account from Mark 14:53-63, place an “X” on the back of your hand using one of the sharpies.

They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together...

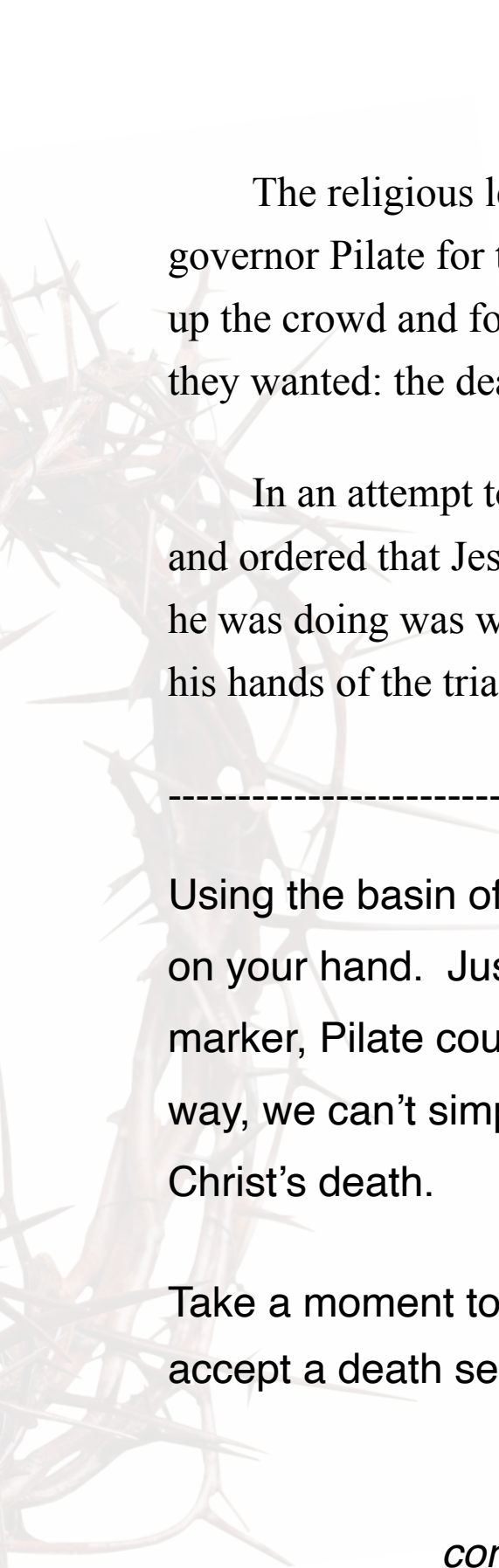
Then some stood up and gave false testimony against him... Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”...

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked... They all condemned him as worthy of death.



The religious leaders took Jesus before the Roman governor Pilate for trial and sentencing. Unless they could stir up the crowd and force Pilate's hand, they wouldn't get what they wanted: the death of Jesus of Nazareth.

In an attempt to avoid a riot, Pilate gave into their wishes and ordered that Jesus be crucified. Pilate, knowing that what he was doing was wrong, tried to deny responsibility by washing his hands of the trial.

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Using the basin of water, try and wash off the "X" you put on your hand. Just like you can't simply wash off the marker, Pilate could not wash away his guilt. In the same way, we can't simply wash away our responsibility for Christ's death.

Take a moment to reflect on what it meant for Christ to accept a death sentence that He did not deserve.

*When you are ready ,  
continue to the next station...*