



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 27:1-26” on October 28 & 31, 2021

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 26:57-75 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 27:1-26

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

MATTHEW 27:1-26 This passage describes Jesus’ being condemned by the chief priests and elders as they handed Him over to Pilate, the governor, to stand trial. They were seeking a death sentence for God’s Son! Ultimately Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified at the demand of the crowd at the Feast. As this was taking place, Judas, who had betrayed Jesus with a kiss, was overwhelmed with remorse as he declared Jesus was innocent; he attempted to return the 30 silver coins to the chief priests and elders and then took his own life.

PERSPECTIVE: Matthew, Luke, and John wrote of this event from differing perspectives, as they wrote to different audiences and from different ways of interacting with Jesus. To gain a fuller account of what these final hours looked like, read Luke 22:66-23:24 and John 18:28-19:16 along with today’s passage. Then consider these statements made by Jason regarding perspective as you ponder the following discussion topics:

My perspective is narrow when I don’t have something to correct it.

Our perspective is solely based on where we get our information from.

The perspectives with which people live their lives affect their decisions and the way they live.

Our perspectives change as we move through life.

If Jesus is the centerpiece of our perspective and we allow ourselves to walk in others’ shoes, we’re going to see Him better.

- After reading all the accounts of this event, how would you chart Pilate’s perspective in his position as governor from the time he first met Jesus until the time he handed Him over to be crucified? Consider every trial, Pilate’s sense of justice, his priorities, his influence from outside sources, and his actions/demeanor throughout.
- Examine the primary characters in this passage in terms of their perspective: (1) The chief priests and elders,
- (2) Judas, (3) Pilate, (4) the crowd and (5) Jesus. What was the perspective of each character in this narrative toward Jesus and what was taking place?
- How can you relate the perspectives of each character to the statements italicized above that Jason made on perspective?
- What shaped each character’s perspective? Which perspectives were changing, and which were not? Which were short-sighted and which were eternal? Why?
- Describe how you observe churches in our society struggling with or losing perspective – what challenges are churches facing as they try to make the best decisions for their people?”
- What perspectives do you see in the world around you or in your own life that are ‘messed up?’
- How does this affect you personally, and how could you address that?
- When you look at Jesus, do you look at Him for you and your own interests, or for the Kingdom? Describe ways your perspective may have changed in various parts of your lives.
- How would you answer this: Do I live my life in a way that shows the world I love Him or do I shout “Crucify Him!” if it benefits me? What is functioning as the centerpiece of your life?



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RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.