Sermon Questions: Luke 23:1–25 October 4, 2026

1. How does Luke's description of Jesus' trial remind us that this is a historical account? Why does that matter?

2. Jesus' silence before his accusers is contrasted with them becoming increasingly emotional. They move from accusing him to being urgent, to being vehement, to crying and shouting "Crucify him." What does this contrast teach us about anger, pressure, and how we respond when we don't get our way?

3. Herod appears to be spiritually interested and to have a particular interest in the prophets. What does he teach us about the difference between spiritual interest and genuine faith?

4. How does the story of Barabbas help us understand the gospel message? How might it help us illustrate the principle of substitutionary atonement?