

Handed Over

**Mark 15:1-5**

With the illegal trial of Jesus the night before, the chief priest must validate the findings with the whole council. Upon doing this, they bind Jesus and deliver him over to Pilate. Pilate's headquarters were usually in Caesarea Maritima on the coast of Israel. During the Passover, Pilate would stay at the Antonia fortress built by Herod the Great. The Antonia was situated just outside the Temple grounds in Jerusalem.

Why did Jesus answer the question on being the King of Jews, but any of the others?  
What did Pilate mean by King of the Jews? What did the Priests mean? What did Jesus mean?  
Why was Pilate amazed by Jesus' refusal to give more answers?

**Mark 15:6-15**

Pilate wanted to release Jesus, but ultimately put that burden on the people. He gave them an option. We must understand that Barabbas would not necessarily be seen as bad guy in the eyes of the Jews. He was a part of a rebellion against Rome.

After Jesus' death and resurrection, how would you have felt if you were Barabbas?  
Why would the crowd rather have Barabbas set free than Jesus?  
Even though Pilate seems to know there is a deeper motive, why does he deliver Jesus to be crucified?

**Mark 15:16-20**

Sometimes someone's mocking behavior reveals a deeper truth.

What could we learn about how we should treat Jesus through the behavior of the soldiers?  
Why did Jesus never accept the typical worldly standards of royalty in his life?  
Jesus is the King, he has authority, he allowed this to happen, why?