



8. Why do the chief priests and elders bring Jesus to Pilate? (27:1, 18; John 18:31)
  
9. Explain the difference between Judas' remorse (27:3) and godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10–11). What should you do when you are overwhelmed with despair because of you something you have thought, said, or done? (Hebrews 4:14–16)
  
10. How is Pilate's response to Jesus different from the religious leaders'?
  
11. Now it is the people's chance to make a decision about Jesus.
  - a. Who are they being influenced by?
  
  - b. What do they decide?
  
  - c. What responsibility are they willing to bear for their decision? (verse 25)
  
  - d. Is there any hope for those who commit such treason against God's anointed one? (Acts 3:13–15, 17–20)
  
12. All through Matthew's report of Jesus' suffering in chapters 26 and 27, Jesus never responds to people's accusations and insults. Why not? How can Jesus' attitude during his suffering be an encouragement to us?
  
13. Recount some of the sorrows that Jesus, the "Man of Sorrows" (Isaiah 53:3) faced in these final hours before his death. Take time to respond to what Jesus has endured for you.