

## **Newington '25 – 'A Year in the Gospels' together #48 (Oct. 27-Nov. 1)**

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1/ Day 1: Read Matthew 27:1-2; Luke 22:66-71:** These verses bring the conclusion of the conspiracy of the priests, Pharisees, & scribes—the religious elite.

***Q. Why are they so greatly opposed to Jesus and His message of love and forgiveness?***

***Q. Where does Jesus's message step on your toes?***

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1/ Day 2: Read Matthew 27:3-10:** 'Judas hangs himself'

***Q. What do you think about the Sanhedrin's actions in this passage?***

***Q. What would you say to someone who felt extremely guilty or depressed?***

***Q. How can we avoid the downward spiral of sin, guilt or depression?***

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1/ Day 3: Read Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-38:**

***Q. Why might Pilate have been "amazed" by Jesus' answers to his questions?***

***Q. Why might Pilate have posed the question: "What is truth?"***

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1/ Day 4: Read Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:6-25:**

***Q. What do the different perspectives of Jesus' "interview" with Pilate tell you about what went on?***

***Q. Compare the responses of the Caiaphas (the Sanhedrin), Pilate, and Herod. What do you see?***

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1/ Day 5: Read John 18:39-40; 19:1-6:**

***Q. When, like Jesus, have you been willing to stand your ground, regardless of the consequences?***

***Q. Why do you think Pilate did what he did? How might Pilate's motive give an answer to the question above?***

**Oct. 27 - Nov. 1/ Day 6: Study and Meditation – Consider the following questions:**

Reconsider the 2<sup>nd</sup> question from day 4...Add "the people" into the comparison, as well as the disciples.

***Q. What do you see now?***

***Q. When you look at your own life, which one of the folks in the question above do you tend to resemble most?***