THE TRIAL OF JESUS

Luke 22:63-23:25

Key Verse: 22:70

1. In the trial of Jesus, what is recorded first? (22:63–65) Why did the guards do this to him? How did it fulfill Jesus’ words? (18:31,32)
2. Why did the council meet at daybreak? (22:66) What did they ask Jesus, and why? (67a) How did Jesus answer? (67b–69) How does this reveal his faith? What did they ask next, and how did Jesus answer? (70) What did they think this meant? (71)
3. Why did they take Jesus to Pilate? (23:1,2) What did Pilate ask, and how did Jesus answer? (3) What did Pilate say immediately afterward? (4) Why?
4. What did the Jews insist? (5) How did Pilate respond to this? (6,7) What does this show about him? How did Herod respond to Jesus? (8) What did Jesus do in the midst of all this, and why? (9,10) What did Herod and his soldiers do? (11) What effect did this have on his relationship with Pilate? (12) Why?
5. Read Pilate’s public announcement at this point (13–16). How was this a compromise? How did people respond to it? (18) What kind of person was Barabbas? (19) How did Pilate keep trying to release Jesus, and why did the crowd keep shouting for his death? (20–23)
6. How does the author Luke emphasize Jesus’ innocence? (23:4,14,22) What was Pilate’s final decision? (24,25) What is the irony here?
7. Summarize what can we learn from Jesus’ responses to his captors and interrogators. How can we be more like him?