

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 27:1-14 (May 6, 2026)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. How does the illegal trial of Jesus by the religious leaders mirror ways that truth is suppressed or manipulated in our own society today?
2. When Pilate asks 'What is truth?' he reveals a fundamental crisis of belief. In what areas of your life might you be avoiding absolute truth because it demands uncomfortable change?
3. The sermon contrasts Judas's worldly grief with Peter's godly grief that led to restoration. What distinguishes genuine repentance from mere remorse in your own spiritual walk?
4. The religious leaders meticulously avoided putting blood money in the treasury while orchestrating the murder of God's Son. What modern examples of similar hypocrisy do you see in religious or secular institutions?
5. Jesus remained silent before His accusers, fulfilling Isaiah 53:7. When have you felt called to remain silent in the face of false accusations, and how did that reflect trust in God's sovereignty?
6. The sermon states that every person played their prophesied part in the crucifixion perfectly. How does understanding God's sovereignty over evil actions change your perspective on current injustices?
7. Judas attempted to undo his betrayal by returning the money, but it was too late to change the course of events. What does this teach us about the consequences of sin and the nature of true repentance?
8. Jesus told the religious leaders they were of their father the devil because they rejected truth. How can we examine our own hearts to ensure we are not hardening ourselves against God's truth?
9. The Field of Blood became a permanent memorial to wickedness and betrayal. What spiritual memorials exist in your life that remind you of either God's faithfulness or the cost of sin?
10. Pilate was amazed at Jesus's silence despite serious accusations. How does Jesus's willingness to lay down His life without defense deepen your understanding of His love and the gospel?