

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 27:15-30 **(May 13, 2026)**

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

1. How does the story of the boy and the bus driver illustrate the importance of having a personal relationship with God, and in what ways does God meet us right where we are in our own lives?
2. What does the crowd's choice of Barabbas over Jesus reveal about human nature and our tendency to follow mob mentality rather than truth?
3. Pilate declared Jesus innocent three times yet still condemned Him to death. How do we sometimes compromise our convictions under pressure, and what can we learn from Pilate's failure to stand for what is right?
4. The sermon describes Jesus as the perfect picture of substitutionary atonement, with the guilty going free while the innocent pays the price. How does this reality change the way we view our own salvation?
5. Pilate's wife warned him through a dream to have nothing to do with the righteous man. How does God speak to us today through various means, and do we listen when He warns us?
6. The religious leaders persuaded the crowd to destroy Jesus despite His innocence. In what ways do we allow religious or cultural authorities to influence us away from following Christ?
7. Pilate attempted to wash his hands of Jesus' blood, claiming innocence. What does this teach us about personal accountability and the impossibility of remaining neutral when it comes to Jesus?
8. The crowd declared His blood be on us and on our children. How does this statement reflect the depth of human depravity, and what does it teach us about the seriousness of rejecting Christ?
9. Jesus endured scourging, mockery, and humiliation at the hands of Roman soldiers. How should meditating on the specific details of Christ's suffering deepen our gratitude and transform our daily lives?
10. The sermon emphasizes that everything unfolded according to God's definite plan and foreknowledge. How does understanding God's sovereignty in the crucifixion affect the way we view difficult circumstances in our own lives?