

Questions for John 19:1-22

1. Why might the gospel accounts have spared the details of the scourging of Jesus? Why did the soldiers try to further humiliate Jesus with the crown of thorns and the purple robe? What significance should these particular events have on us? (Verses 1-5)

2. Why did the Jews specifically request Jesus to be crucified? Why did they wait to tell Pilate the reason they wanted Jesus to die? Why did this make Pilate reconsider? (Verses 6-8)

3. What power had been given to Pilate? What might this tell us about the relationship between those that hold authority on earth and God, who gives the authority? What did Jesus mean by saying the one that delivered him had “the greater sin”? (Verses 9-11)

4. Why did the Jews claim loyalty to Caesar despite their hatred of the Roman Empire and desire for independence? What might be some of the reasons why Pilate caved in to the Jew's demands? (Verses 12-15)

5. Why did Jesus bear his own cross? Where might Golgotha have been located? (Verses 16-18)

6. Why did Pilate write the title over Jesus that he did? Why did the Jews want the title changed? (Verses 19-22)