

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — March 26, 2023

Sermon Notes

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 - ◊ From Soldiers to the Cross, [v. 31](#)

Sanhedrin’s Appraisal, [v. 1](#)

It is now daylight, why would they make a pronouncement of judgement at this time when they had already done so during the night? Where do you think this (second) pronouncement was made?

To Governor Pilate, [v. 2](#)

What was the political pressures on Pilate, the Roman governor, when Jesus was brought to him?

Judas’ Judgement, [vv. 3-10](#)

Judas stated that he had sinned (broken the law) when he betrayed the innocent Jesus. However, do we have any evidence that Judas *repented*?

In an act of apparent despair, what did Judas do?

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Do you think the Sanhedrin were proud of their noble act to purchase a place to bury the indigent?

What was a typical price for killing someone's slave as foretold in [Zechariah 11:12-13](#)?

There is also the prophecy against Israel enacted by Jeremiah concerning the potter's clay pots, breaking them, and the purchase of a field. ([Jeremiah 18, 19, & 32](#))

Pilate's Appraisal, vv. 11-25

Was Pilate concerned about the Jew's charge of blasphemy against Jesus? What claim did Jesus make that was of concern to Pilate?

Did Jesus defend himself against the charges the Jews made against him? Why was Pilate amazed at this?

Why was Barabbas a prisoner of Pilate? Why would Pilate offer to release one of the two prisoners?

When the people chose Jesus to be retained and crucified, why did Pilate wash his hands? Why is Pilate's statement and the peoples reply to this act so significant to all of mankind?

To the Soldiers, v. 26

What was the purpose of the flogging Jesus received by the Roman soldiers?

The Soldier's Appraisal, vv. 27-30

To what kind of notorious treatment of (insurrectionist) condemned prisoners was Jesus subjected?

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