



Jesus before Pilate (Mark 15:1-15)

1. Why did the Sanhedrin turn Jesus over to Pilate? (Hint: see John 18:31-32)
2. Why did Pilate ask if Jesus was the king of the Jews?
3. Why did Jesus answer this question of Pilate, but not the questions of the chief priests?
4. Pilate agreed to release Barabbas rather than Jesus, even though he thought Jesus was innocent.
 - Why did he give in to the demands of the crowd?
 - Use cross references to find how Pilate kept his conscience clear when condemning an innocent man.

The soldiers mock Jesus (Mark 15:16-20)

5. Why would the soldiers want to mock Jesus so much?
6. Were the soldiers genuine when they worshipped this king of the Jews?

The crucifixion (Mark 15:21-32)

7. Why was Simon forced to carry Jesus' cross?
8. Use a Bible dictionary to find out where Jesus was crucified and why it was called Golgotha (the place of the skull)?
9. What was the purpose of offering wine mixed with myrrh to Jesus?
10. The soldiers divided up Jesus' clothes and cast lots for them.
 - Why did they cast lots for them?
 - Find an Old Testament prophecy that predicted this.
11. At what time of day is the third hour?
12. Who put the written notice on the cross?
13. How would Jesus feel when he was mocked, though he knew he could come down from the cross?

The death of Jesus (Mark 15:33–41)

14. What time is the sixth hour? The ninth hour?
15. Jesus cried out “my God, my God, why have you forsaken me”.
 - What language did he say this in?
 - Why is it left in its original language in our English Bible?
 - Find the Old Testament prophecy about this.
 - Why did some people think he was calling Elijah?
 - Why did someone bring him wine vinegar at this time?
16. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
 - What was the significance of the tearing?
 - Was it significant that it was from top to bottom, not bottom to top?
17. What convinced the centurion that Jesus was the son of God?
18. List the watching women. Find out who they were. (it may help to check cross references)
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)

The burial of Jesus (Mark 15:42–47)

19. Use a Bible dictionary to find out what the “Preparation Day” was.
20. Joseph of Arimathea asked for the body of Jesus, so he could bury him.
 - Find out all you can about this man.
 - Did others in the Council know about his faith?
 - Do you think this was a courageous and faithful act? Why?
21. Why was Pilate surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead?
22. Pilate gave Joseph the body of Jesus to bury.
 - Why did he?
 - What usually happened to the bodies of crucified people?