

BEHOLD THE MAN!

Matthew 27

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- How does the world see Jesus? How would some of your coworkers, neighbors, or family members who aren't Christ-followers describe Him?
- How do YOU see Him? How would you describe Jesus to those same coworkers, neighbors, and family members?
- Have you ever thought about the people, circumstances, or struggles that have helped shaped your view of Who Jesus is? How has your image of Jesus been shaped by those things?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat walked through some of the final hours before Christ's crucifixion, showing us three views of Jesus in the story.**

How Do You See Jesus?

- 1. Jesus is the life-giver, died for Jesus, the life-taker (Matthew 27:15-23; Acts 3:14-15)**
 - The criminal, Barabbas, who was set free in place of Jesus Christ, was actually called Jesus-Barabbas. What does it mean to you personally to know that Jesus Christ died for YOU and YOUR sins?
 - Sometimes we might wish that Jesus hadn't gone through all the pain and suffering that He did on His way to the cross. As a group, talk about some of the biblical reasons that Jesus had to be arrested, charged, betrayed, scoured, and crucified instead of set free.
- 2. Jesus is the One Who took your silence before man so that you would not have to stand silent before God (Matthew 27:11-14; Revelation 20:11-15)**
 - Put yourself in the crowd at Jesus' "trial" before Pilate. What would you have thought when you saw Jesus stay silent before His accusers? If you were one of the early believers in that crowd, what do you think you would have done?
 - How do you respond today when those around you mock, belittle, or condemn Jesus with their words and actions? Can you think of a time in the future when you might be given the opportunity to stand up and speak up for Jesus? What will you do in that moment?
- 3. Jesus is the One Who became unrecognizable so that you might recognize Him (Matthew 27:26-31; Isaiah 52:14 NIV)**
 - Pastor referred to a new Christian at Saylorville who wears a cross necklace as a visible symbol of his love for Jesus in the hopes that others will see Jesus in him. What are some other ways that we can externally show others around us that we love Jesus? If you wear cross jewelry, or have Bible passages hung up in your house, or have a "Christian" bumper sticker, talk about how you are actively showing your love for Jesus.

Jesus took your silence, your sentence, and you sin. How do you see Him?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Ask God to give you a real, truthful, and meaningful picture of Jesus, and that you will worship this week in light of who Jesus is.

