

Central Evangelical Church Cell Groups

Jesus Tried - Peter's Denial - Matthew 26:57- 27:31

Use the questions as suits you best and don't feel you need to cover them all.

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's messages did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. Peter went in to where they were trying Jesus. Do you think that was brave or foolhardy? Would you have had the courage?
3. Jesus was silent. Why do you think he did that and why did he then decide to speak in v64.
4. V69-74 Peter was in a hostile situation; would you have been any stronger?
5. Peter went out and "cried bitterly". Can we empathise with him? What do you think he thought the future held for him?
6. The religious leaders wanted Jesus dead (27:1) and they had prophecies to fulfil; do you think any of them thought about Jeremiah's prophecy (v7-10)? Some of them had probably memorised it.
7. What do you think of Pilate's role (v11-26)? He did make an attempt to release him. Do you think he put his own self above the Roman legal system?
8. Do you think "His blood be upon us and our children" (v25) is, at least in part, the reason why the Jews have had such a hard time in the two millennia since Christ was crucified?
9. The soldiers mock Jesus (v27-31) is a passage which I find most poignant as it encapsulates the rejection, the mental torture, the physical torture and then those words "Then they led Him away to crucify him"! Let us finish this study by remembering the torture our Lord went through for us and remember that the mental and physical torture was nothing to the spiritual torture that He still had to endure for us when His Father abandoned Him at Calvary.