

MATTHEW

August 20, 2023

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Luke 22:66-71

Acts 1:18-19

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. This third "trial" is conducted immediately after daybreak, in the Hall of Hewn Stones in the temple, likely before an assembly of the entire Sanhedrin. Describe its purpose (vv. 1-2; Luke 22:66-71).

What might Jesus be feeling here considering the atmosphere & opposition?

What is the outcome?

2. Discuss Judas' immediate reaction to the conviction & condemnation of Jesus (vv. 3-4a). (What is he experiencing? Is anything surprising about this?)
3. Discuss the response of the chief priests & elders to Judas' reaction (v. 4b).
4. Meditate on Judas' end (v. 5). Based upon his reaction in vv. 3-4a, how could this have gone differently for him? What were his options?

What light does 2 Corinthians 7:10 shed on Judas' case?

5. Discuss the irony or inconsistency in the way in which the chief priests handled the money returned by Judas (vv. 6-7).

6. Reconcile Matthew's account (vv. 5b-8) with that of Luke (Acts 1:18-19).

7. Contrast Peter's end (26:69-75) with that of Judas. (Similarities? Differences?)

8. Reflect on the gift of repentance. (What is possible with repentance? What difference can it make? What does it look like in your life?)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will confess "Jesus as Lord" this week by . . .

I will follow the path of repentance this week by . . .