

# MATTHEW

August 27, 2023  
Matthew 27:11-26

## READ

Matthew 27:11-26    Mark 15:1-15    Luke 23:1-25    John 18:28-19:16

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Why is Pilate interested in the charge/claim that Jesus is a king (v. 11)?
2. Why does Jesus address this charge (c.f., John 18:33-38) but not others leveled by the chief priests & elders (vv. 12-14)?
3. What does Pilate hope to accomplish with a "prisoner exchange" (vv. 15-17)?
4. Identify two factors behind Pilate's efforts to release Jesus (vv. 18-19).
5. What does Matthew reveal to us in v. 19?

What does Matthew *not* reveal to us in v. 19?

6. Pilate's offer of clemency takes an unexpected turn (vv. 20-21). How does Pilate respond (John 19:1)? What does he hope to accomplish with this (c.f., Luke 23:16)?

7. Pilate makes four evasive moves to deflect the case before him. Pilate makes four declarations of Jesus' innocence. Why does he not set the prisoner free (John 19:12)? What are the implications of this not-so-veiled threat?

8. What is Pilate attempting to dramatically demonstrate in v. 24?

What is the response of the people (v. 25)? What are its implications?

9. Discuss some personal/practical implications of Pilate's question: "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" (v. 22) (What is the value of this question in daily Christian living?)

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will lift up King Jesus this week by . . .

I will listen to the King's voice this week by . . .