



What Can Wash Away My Sin? - Dan Reid
Matthew 27: 1-31

1. Do you think deep down most people view the question, "What can wash away my sin?" as the most important question they could ask? Why? Why not?
2. Why is it so hard for Christians to forgive themselves after failure and become free of guilt and regret?
3. Read verses 1-5. What is the difference between being "seized with remorse" (Judas) and "truly repentant" (Peter)?
4. How would you encourage a friend who can't forgive themselves for their failure? Why is it so important boldly believe Jesus in order have their guilt washed away?
5. Read verses 11-14. What was Pilate worried about when he interrogated Jesus?
6. What response does Jesus the King deserve from Pilate and from us?
7. Read verses 15-26a. Why is Barabbas a significant person in the story of Jesus trial and crucifixion? Why did Jesus need to become our substitute?
8. Read verses 26b-31. What part of the suffering Jesus endured especially move you to thank him? Why did the justice of God require Jesus to suffer?
9. How do the communion elements reflect what we learned in Matthew 27:1-31?
10. Share with your community group how this passage inspires you to thank Jesus and follow Jesus?



Matthew 27: 1-31 - Dominic Rivera

1. The religious leaders are incongruent in their spirituality - they plot to kill (v.1), but concerned with financial purity (v.6). Describe a situation in which you realized that you acted in ways that were different than what you value.
2. Judas gives back the coins in an attempt to reverse the tragedy that he has set in motion. Describe what you feel when you have regret.
3. In an attempt to keep the peace (v.24), Pilate avoids taking responsibility that belonged to him and his role. Describe a situation in which you avoided the responsibility that you should have taken.
4. The soldiers join the tragedy against Jesus. They are outsiders to the context and issues of the scene, but they are active participants in the pain. Describe a scene in which you created hardship for another person.
5. As you consider each of these characters in the story and how you have acted in the same way, what do you see as Jesus' response in the story? How does that bring hope and promise to your story?
6. As we wrestle with the brokenness of our humanity, what practices do you employ to remind yourself that Jesus has offered grace to you?
7. Pray for one another to deeper embrace the grace that is yours in Christ.