

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: December 9, 2018
Mark 15:1-15

1. What happened in the previous text?
 - a. Jesus told His disciples that they would all fall away.
 - b. Peter declared that he would not, even if everybody else did and even if he had to die with Jesus!
 - c. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane and returned to find Peter and the other disciples sleeping.
 - d. Jesus went before the Sanhedrin. They tried to find witnesses to speak against Jesus, but the testimonies did not agree. Ultimately Jesus responded to the charges by saying "I am."
 - e. Jesus was arrested and Peter denied he even knew Him three times.

2. What did the Jewish leaders do very early in the morning, according to verse 1? _____

3. What did Pilate ask Jesus, according to verse 2? _____

4. How did Jesus respond? _____

5. What happened in verses 3-5?
 - a. The chief priests accused Jesus of many things.
 - b. Pilate asked him "Aren't you going to answer?"
 - c. Jesus still made no reply.
 - d. Pilate was amazed.

6. What happened in verses 6-11?
 - a. It was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested.
 - b. A man called Barabbas was in prison with a group who had committed murder in the uprising.
 - c. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.
 - d. Pilate asked if they wanted him to release the king of the Jews because he knew that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him out of self-interest.
 - e. The chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

7. Do you make decisions out of self-interest or for the good of those around you? _____

8. What happens when leaders make decisions out of self-interest instead of for the good of the people? _____

9. Why did the people follow these leaders? _____

10. How did the people respond when Pilate asked what he should do with the king of the Jews (Jesus)?

11. What did Pilate ask them in verse 14? _____

12. Why, if Jesus had not committed a crime, did Pilate release Barabbas and hand Jesus over to be crucified? _____

13. Is this better than what the Jewish leaders did? _____

14. What happens when people follow the crowd instead of doing what is right? _____

15. How do you make your decisions? _____