

Questions for Further Study

24th March 2024

John 19:1-16

The Rejected King

1. (v1-3) If you have been a Christian for some time, the awfulness of Jesus' suffering may not be as fresh. You may want to meditate on these first verses. What stands out to you? How does this shape your understanding of Matt 16:24? For more information about this barbaric Roman execution, go to https://www.cbcg.org/scourging-crucifixion.html

2. How do words hurt people? Have you ever been on the receiving end of mockery or hateful remarks? Read Romans 12:14-21. How should we respond when we are mocked for our faith? We are called to bless people. What does this look like? (OT Shalom, NT Peace)

3. (v4, 6b, and 12) Jesus is repeatedly described as innocent, yet he is eventually sentenced to death. What does this tell us about the Jewish authorities, Pilate, the mob, and Jesus?

4. Pilate made the choice of sin over a saviour, hell, over heaven, wrong, over right? How often do we do the same thing? Why is it important to acknowledge our sins and failings?

5. Spend time praying for those non-Christians whom you love. Pray also for those who have gone astray. You may like to share communion together at the end of the study.