

Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Matthew 27 verse 1 to 26

Read verses 1 and 2 again.

The religious leaders were not allowed to kill Jesus. The Romans were in charge, so they needed to ask the Roman governor first.

What was the name of the Roman governor? _____
(aeitPI)

Read verses 3 and 4

How much money was Judas given for betraying Jesus?

The chief priests decided Jesus should be put to death.
What did Judas think of this?

Read verses 11 to 14. Write in the speech bubbles Pilate's first question to Jesus and Jesus' answer:



Next Pilate listens to all that the chief priests have to say about Jesus. Pilate wants to find out if Jesus is innocent or guilty.

The chief priests and elders tell Pilate all their made-up reasons why Jesus should die. What did Jesus say in reply?

Jesus could have told Pilate all about the lies of the priests and how he had done nothing wrong! Maybe Pilate could have let him go. Doesn't Jesus want to escape?
Why do you think Jesus did this?

Remember - this is what Jesus said back in Matthew chapter 26 verses 53-54 when he was arrested:

"Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?
But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

Matthew 26v53-54

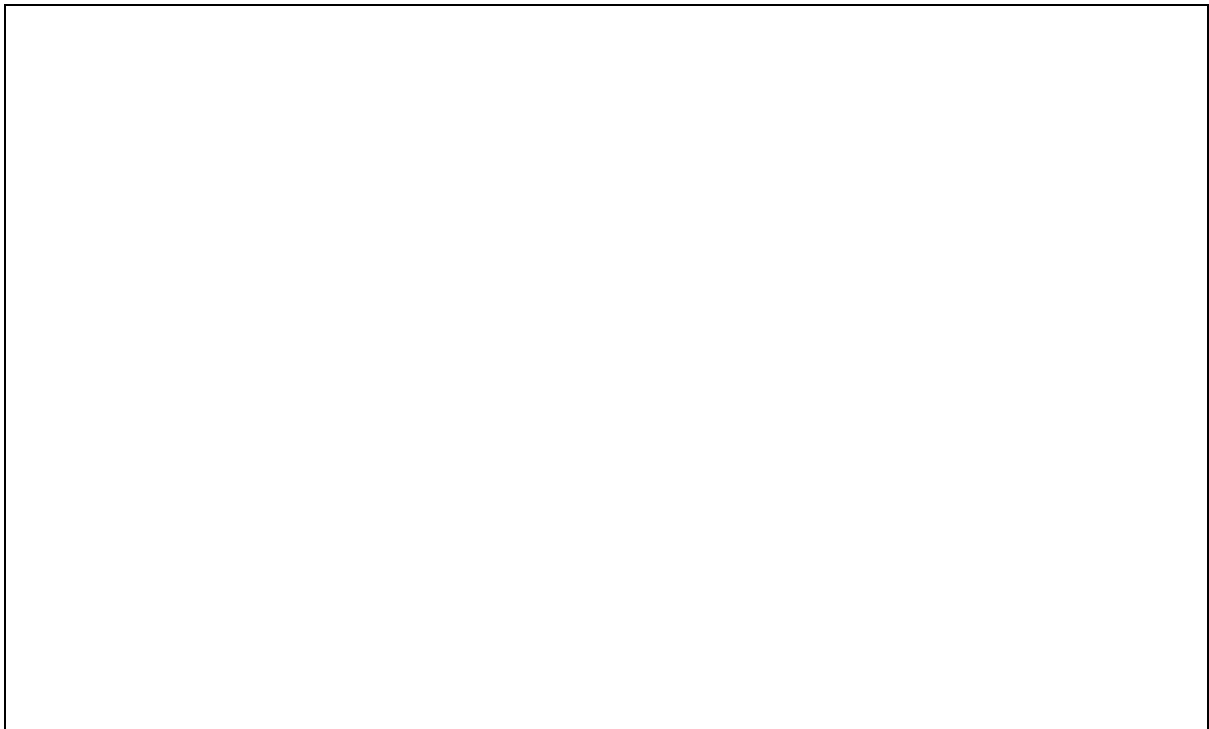
Pilate asked the people to choose someone to be set free. He said they could choose Jesus or someone else. Who was this other prisoner? (verse 17)

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Who told the people to answer this way? (verse 20)

What did they tell
Pilate to do with Jesus? _____

Draw a picture of Jesus and Barabbas with Pilate in front of the crowd



Read verse 24. What did Pilate say about himself? Circle the correct answer:

Guilty

Innocent

Think about each of the people we have seen in this part of the Bible today. For each one, mark the correct box to show if they were really innocent or guilty.

	Innocent	Guilty
Chief priests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pilate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The crowds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

guilty	innocent	Jesus	water	blood
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Pilate thought he could show he was _____ by
washing his hands in _____. But the only thing that
can really take away our sin and really make us innocent is
the _____ of _____. Jesus knew it was God's
plan for him to die so _____ people like us can be
forgiven!