

NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 4/6/14

Matt. 27:1-26

"The Great Exchange!"

1) *Read v.1-5: Where are we in the story and what is going on? What can you learn from this passage about the realities of your own "betrayals" and what happens if you have no hope? How can your heart betray you? Do you think Judas repented well? What does true repentance look like?*

2) *How do you process the religious leaders' response? Does your sense of justice sometimes drive you to similar responses? How so?*

3) *Read v.6-10 What insights do you draw from the response of the leaders and their actions?*

4) *Read v. 11-14 Why does Pilate ask Jesus if he is the King of the Jews? What is the significance of this interchange between Pilate and Jesus?*

5) *Read v.15-26 Now for the heavy lifting! How does the Gospel shine brightly in this passage? Who should be set free in this passage? What is Justice? How does the gospel of grace flip our sense and ideas of justice on its head? How does the gospel change you from a Judas to a Barabbas? From a guilty sinner with no hope to a convicted murderer set free?*

6) *What needs to change in your life now that you have a fresh view of the gospel.*