



The Passion of the King - 2

Leader's Notes

As you go through the study, follow the events on the map given on the worksheet.

1. THE KING IS SENTENCED Matthew 26-27

A. The Jewish Trial Matthew 26:57-68

High Priest's question v63: "I charge you under oath by the Living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God?"
 Jesus' answer v64: "Yes it is as you say."

B. The Roman Trial Matthew 27:11-26

Pilate's question v11: "Are you the King of the Jews?"
 Jesus' answer v11: "Yes it is as you say."

What are the things that show Pilate realized this?

- V14: He saw how Jesus reacted when He has accused.
- V18: He knew the real reason the Jews had brought Jesus to him, was because of their jealousy.
- V19: His wife warned him that she had a dream about Jesus, showing that He was innocent.
- V23: He asked Jesus again what crime He had committed.
- V24: He knew Jesus was innocent, so he washed his hands of all responsibility.



How did these men fail?
 Why do you think they failed?
 What can we learn from this?

	Scripture references	How did he fail?	Why did he fail?
PILATE	Matthew 27:11-26	He handed Jesus over to be crucified.	He wanted to please the Jews. He was afraid he would lose his popularity and position.
PETER	Matthew 26:33-35, 26:36-37, 40-41, 69-70, 74-75	He didn't watch and pray in the Garden with Jesus. Then he denied Jesus three times.	He was too confident that he would not fall. Nor did he pray and prepare himself to face temptation. He was afraid and ashamed to admit he knew Jesus.

2. THE KING IS CRUCIFIED Matthew 27:27-37



How did Jesus act during this terrible time of suffering? Matthew 26:63, 27:12, 14

What can we learn from His example? See 1 Peter 2:21-23

How did Jesus act?

- He never tried to defend Himself or answer back
- He never cursed
- He acted with humility and dignity
- He showed tremendous courage and perseverance
- And he did this for us!

What can we learn from His example?

- We too should live godly lives
- We should not retaliate or threaten others when they treat us unjustly
- We should trust God to judge those who mistreat us
- We should turn and forgive those who hurt us even as Jesus did

The charge against Jesus was written on the cross: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' The Jews had been waiting for their promised King, their Messiah for hundreds of years, but now they had crucified Him. However His death was not a failure – it was a triumph. His Kingdom had not come to an end, it was just beginning. As Jesus had said, "In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming in the clouds of Heaven." Matthew 26:64. Let us live for our King!