**THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE KING**

Matthew 27:1-56

Key verse 27:46 “About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *‘Eli, Eli, lema* *sabachthani?’* (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’).”

1. Why did the religious leaders send Jesus to Pilate (1-2; John 18:31)? Even though Judas felt remorse, why did he not repent? (3-4)

2. Why was Pilate amazed by Jesus making no reply (14) and how did he try to release Jesus (15-23)?

3. How did the soldiers mock Jesus? (27-31) Why did Jesus refuse to drink wine mixed with gall when they crucified him? (34) What is ironic about the written charge against Jesus? (37)

4. How did the religious leaders and others who were at the crucifixion mock Jesus? (39-44) Why didn’t Jesus save himself (1:21; 26:53-54; 1 Peter 2:23-24)?

5. Why did Jesus cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Psalm 22:1,7-8,18)? What does his cry mean for us (Isaiah 53:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21)?

6. What is the significance of the temple curtain being torn in two when Jesus died? (51; Hebrews 10:19-20)? What was the testimony of the centurion and those with him (54)?