

Sermon Discussion Questions

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26 // Jesus Judged

- How does the idea of being called on to sacrifice yourself make you feel? Why?
- How do stories of other people sacrificing themselves make you respond, emotionally?
- As you heard the story of Jesus's trial, what details stood out to you that were new? How did the story hit you in a fresh way?
- Why do you think Jesus refuses to speak throughout this whole passage?
- We often give Pilate more credit in this story than he is due, and we give the crowd less credit than they deserve. How do the complex dynamics of the crowd, the rulers, and the governor affect the way you see this story?
- At this point in the narrative, how is Jesus perceived by the rulers? By the crowd? By Pilate?
- If we are called to walk the way of the cross, to live a cross-shaped life, how does Jesus's modeling of that way affect us?
- How will you and your community be shaped by the Way of the Cross?

