# Things That Crucified The Lord

Matthew 26:14-27

#### A Vow That Was Easily Broken

- ▶ Peter's denial foretold. Matthew 26:31-35
  - All shall be offended in me.
  - "I will never be offended ..."
  - "Likewise also said all the disciples."
- Peter's denial. Matthew 26:70-74
- All the disciples left him. Matthew 26:56
- Do we make promises to the Lord we don't keep? (Romans 6; Colossians 3)

### A Watch That Was Not Kept

- Disciples in the Garden. Mark 14:32-42
  - "Watch and pray ..." Mark 14:38
  - Critical time! "My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death ... watch."
- Have we failed to "watch and pray"?
- Behave like men. 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Be faithful. 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Give diligence. 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 4:11
- Be sober, be watchful. 1 Peter 5:8

#### A Kiss With No Love

- Judas' betrayal. Matthew 26:14-16, 24
  - Saw miracles.
  - · Calmed the sea. Matthew 8:27
  - · Walked on the water. Matthew 14:26
  - Healed the sick and cast out demons. Mark 1:32-34
  - Sold out. "What are ye willing to give me." Matthew 26:15
  - Betrayal. "Whomsoever I shall kiss ... take him." Matthew 26:48
- Hypocrite. Had seen the evidence and still was not faithful.

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## A Question That Desired No Answer

- ▶ Pilate. John 18:36-38
- No fault in him. Matthew 27:18, 24
- "What is truth?" John 18:37-38
- Many know the truth and then turn away.
- · Galatians. Galatians 4:16
- "What must I do?" Paul didn't turn away. Acts 22:16; 9:18

## A Trial That Did Not Try

- Jewish court. Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22-23
  - Sought false witnesses. Matthew 26:59-60
  - Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, yet crucified him anyway. Matthew 27:18-26
- Some fail to investigate. Not interested in truth! Lie, misrepresent, remain in ignorance. cf. Luke 6:46

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## Conclusion

- ▶ Peter wept bitterly. Luke 22:62
- Disciples couldn't answer Mark 14:40
- Judas Hanged himself. Matthew 27:3-5
- Pilate Coward. Matthew 27:24
- Jewish court Didn't care. Matthew 27:1; 26:59ff

Conscience should have smitten them!

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