

Mark 15:6-15, 25-26, 33-39
International Bible Lesson Study Hints
for Discussion and Thinking Further

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Who was Barabbas and what had he done?

He had led a rebellion against the Romans and committed murder. He was in a Roman prison, and the crowds called for Pilate to release him instead of Jesus.

2. How did Pilate refer to Jesus?

The King of the Jews

3. Why do you think the religious leaders may have envied Jesus, as Pilate thought?

The religious leaders envied Jesus because He spoke with authority they did not have. The crowds gladly heard Jesus because He taught them the truth and the good news directly from God. He also had power the chief priests and the other religious leaders did not have. Jesus loved and wanted to help people, and Jesus could heal the sick, raise the dead, and feed large crowds.

4. What did Pilate ask the crowd that made them shout even more, “Crucify him”?

“Why, what evil has he done?”

5. What did the Centurion think about Jesus? Why do you think he thought this?

He thought Jesus was truly the Son of God. By the effects His way of dying and death had on nature. By the way Jesus died, because Jesus did not curse, but asked His Father to forgive those who crucified Him.

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