

1. Verses 66-71 tell us what was happening to Peter while the Lord was being accused and spit upon by the chief priests and elders. Peter had the opportunity to stand by the Lord and do what he said in verses 29 and 31. Why do you think he failed?

2. How many times did Peter deny the Lord?

3. Why did Peter weep in verse 72?

4. Why did the chief priests hold a consultation with the elders, scribes and the council in the morning?

5. In verse 2, the Lord answers Pilate's question but doesn't say anything more in response to the accusations by the chief priests in the following verses. Why do you think the Lord remained silent?

6. In the following verses (6-15), we have the interchanges between Pilate and the multitude about Barabbas and the Lord. What do we learn from these verses about Pilate, the multitude, the chief priests, and Barabbas?

7. What do we learn about the Roman soldiers in verses 16-20?

8. What do the thorns represent in verse 17?

9. Why did Simon have to bear the Lord's cross?