Garden to Garden - Part 6 Bible Study Discussion Guide

Bible Reading:

- Matthew 27:11-26
- Isaiah 53:7
- 1 Corinthians 15:3

Observation Questions:

- **1.** What was the question Pilate asked the crowd regarding Jesus, and why is it significant?
- **2.** How did Jesus respond to the accusations made against Him during His trial?
- **3.** What was Pilate's reaction to Jesus' demeanor during the trial, and what does this reveal about Jesus' character?
- **4.** Describe the exchange that took place between Jesus and Barabbas. What does this symbolize?

Interpretation Questions:

- **1.** Why is Pilate's question, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" considered the ultimate question for humanity?
- **2.** How does Jesus' silence during His trial fulfill the prophecy mentioned in <u>Isaiah 53:7</u>, and what does this teach us about His mission?
- **3.** In what ways does the exchange between Jesus and Barabbas illustrate the concept of substitutionary atonement?
- **4.** How does Pilate's decision reflect the tension between political power and moral truth, and what can we learn from his choice?



Application Questions:

- **1.** Reflect on your own life: How do you respond to the question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" What steps can you take to ensure your response aligns with your faith?
- **2.** Consider a time when you faced a difficult decision that required you to choose between what is easy and what is right. How did you handle it, and what would you do differently now?
- **3.** Jesus' silence in the face of false accusations demonstrated His submission to God's will. How can you practice this kind of trust and submission in your own life, especially during challenging times?
- **4.** The sermon emphasized the urgency of making a decision about Jesus. What distractions or hesitations might be preventing you from fully committing to your faith, and how can you address them?
- **5.** The exchange between Jesus and Barabbas symbolizes the grace we receive through Christ. How can you live out this grace in your daily interactions with others?
- **6.** Pilate was amazed by Jesus' composure. When was the last time you were truly amazed by Jesus, and how can you cultivate a sense of wonder and reverence in your spiritual journey?
- **7.** The sermon highlighted the importance of self-examination in our spiritual lives. What practical steps can you take to regularly assess and deepen your relationship with Jesus?

