

The Gospel of Matthew:

Silence and Shouting:

1. What was the significance of the silence of Jesus during the trial?
2. How is it that Pilate and his wife accepted the innocence of Jesus, but the religious leaders of Israel refused to do so?
3. The religious leaders of Israel intentionally stirred up the crowd to call for the release of Barabbas and the crucifixion of Jesus. What does this say about their hatred for Jesus and their knowledge of who God really is?
4. Do you think the religious leaders were even able to discern the truth of God anymore?
5. The line of a well-known hymn says, "Amazing love, how can it be? That thou my God wouldst die for me!" Based on this story in Matthew, describe the amazing love of Jesus.