

The Gospel of Matthew:

Wickedness and Weeping:

1. The religious leaders of Israel were more committed to falsehood than they were to truth. What has to take place in a person's heart for that to happen?
2. 1 Timothy 5:24 says, "the sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them." Discuss what this means in light of the actions of the Sanhedrin.
3. Jesus would not have been convicted without His determination to do so by testifying that He was the Messiah. What does this tell us about His commitment to the will of God? What does it tell us about our own commitment to the will of God?
4. What caused Peter to take the risk of following Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest?
5. What caused Peter to deny that he was a disciple of Christ and run away?
6. Do you agree that he was repentant? Why or why not?