Sermon Questions for 11/8/26
Mark 15:1-20

1) If Jesus had been primarily interested in avoiding execution, what defense might have he offered before Pilate? Why did he remain silent?

2) How do you view Pilate in this passage? Was he put in an impossible situation? Why or why not? What hope did he have?

3) What role did the Sanhedrin's instigation of the crowds play? Have you ever been in a situation where a group did something the individuals in it later regretted?

4) Substitutionary Atonement sounds complicated. How would you explain it to a children's Sunday school class?

5) What does it say about Jesus that he remained silent and restrained his power during his trial, torture, and humiliation?

6) As a sinner for whom Christ suffered and died, what is your complicity in each of his torments?

7) How does this passage give us hope?