Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

Matthew 27:1-26

Intro:

A. Jesus appeared before Caiaphas, the High Priest.
   1. He gathered the full council.
   2. They ultimately found two false witnesses.
   3. They accused Him of blasphemy.
   4. They physically abused him.

B. Jesus was then delivered to Pilate.
   1. The chief priests and elders took council on how they might put Jesus to death. V.1
   2. They were afraid to stone Him to death as the charge of blasphemy demanded.
   3. They decided to use the Roman system. V.2

I. The Repentance Of Judas.

A. Judas saw Jesus taken away.
   1. repented = ματαιωμαι = "to regret" 'to have dissatisfaction with one’s self for what one has done," "to have pain of mind rather than change of mind.” "Seller’s remorse", "buyer’s remorse." V.3
   2. He attempted to change his grief by giving back the price of betrayal.

B. His reason for repenting.
   1. "I have betrayed the innocent blood." V.4
   2. innocent = οθως = "not deserving punishment"
   3. He received no sympathy.

C. His acts of contrition.
   1. "He cast down the pieces...in the temple." V.5
   2. "...he departed"
   3. "...went and hanged himself"

D. The chief priest’s dilemma.
   1. It was money paid for a man’s life. V.6
   2. It could not be put in the treasure boxes.

E. Bad money for a good cause.
   1. The land was cheap because those who made pottery had exhausted its worth. V.7
2. The Gentiles that came to Jerusalem could not be buried with Jews.
3. The name reflects the fact of it being purchased with the money used to buy a man's life. \textit{v.8}

\textbf{F. A fulfilling of prophecy.}
1. This prophecy is not in Jeremiah but in Zechariah. Probably a copyist's error.
2. Zechariah 11:12-13
3. Zechariah was sent to the Jews. He was to tell them the truth. They did not receive him but treated him with contempt. They were asked to place a price on his services. They put the price of a slave to ridicule him. God told him to cast it into the pottery or trash. Jesus was received by Israel the same way.

\textbf{II. Jesus Before Pilate.}

\textbf{A. His appearance before Herod is not mentioned.}

\textbf{B. Jesus questioned.}
1. "Art thou the King of the Jews?" \textit{v.11}
2. "Thou sayest."

\textbf{C. The response.}
1. "...he answered nothing." \textit{v.12}
2. "...hearest thou not...?" \textit{v.13}
3. "...he answered him never a word." \textit{v.14}
4. His demeanor amazed the governor.

\textbf{III. The Multitudes Bad Choice. 27:15}

\textbf{A. The custom of the feast.}
1. They would release a prisoner. \textit{v.15}
2. Barabbas was a seditionist and murderer. Luke 23:25
3. \textit{envy = phovos = "Jealousy of another's success," "envy of another's excellence." v.18}

\textbf{B. A warning from his wife.}
1. "...this just man." \textit{v.19}
2. "I have suffered many things..."
C. **The multitudes choice.**

1. They persuaded the multitudes. **Vs. 20, 21, 22**
2. "...destroy Jesus."
3. "What shall I do with Jesus?"
4. "Let him be crucified."
5. Pilate's intercession.
6. "...what evil hath he done?" **v. 23**
7. His disclaimer. (washed hands) **v. 24**
8. The multitudes horrible assumption. **v. 25**
9. Their desire granted. **v. 26**