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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-13

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The book began by stating that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. [1:1]
- ☐ John the Baptist was to prepare the way for the Lord, as was prophesied in the book of Isaiah. [1:2-3]
- ☐ John appeared in the wilderness and announced a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [1:4]
- ☐ John baptized Jesus. When Jesus came up out of the water, the Spirit descended on him. A voice came from heaven and said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." [1:9-11]
- ☐ The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where he was tempted by Satan for forty days. [1:12-13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did the Gospel of Mark begin? [1:1]
The author wrote that this was the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
2. Isaiah wrote about a messenger. What was the messenger to do? [1:2]
The messenger was to prepare someone's way.
3. Where was the messenger to cry out? [1:3]
In the wilderness.
4. What was the messenger to tell people to do? [1:3]
He was to tell people to prepare the way of the Lord and to make the Lord's paths straight.
5. What did John do in the wilderness? [1:4]
John baptized people and preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
6. Who came to John at the Jordan river? [1:5]
People from the country of Judea and all Jerusalem went out to him.
7. What did the people do when they were baptized by John? [1:5]
The people confessed their sins.
8. What did John wear and eat? [1:6]
John wore a coat made of camel's hair and a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild honey.
9. What did John say about the one who would come after him? [1:7]
John said that the one who would come after him was more powerful than himself. John said that he was not worthy to stoop down and untie that man's sandals.

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10. What did John say the one coming after him would do? [1:8]
John said the one coming after him would baptize with the Holy Spirit.
11. What happened when Jesus was baptized by John? [1:10]
Jesus came out of the water and the Spirit descended on him like a dove.
12. What did the voice from heaven say about Jesus? [1:11]
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”
13. Who do you think spoke from heaven? [1:11]
God the Father.
14. Where did the Spirit lead Jesus [1:12]?
He led Jesus into the wilderness.
15. What happened in the wilderness [1:13]?
Satan tempted Jesus for forty days. Jesus was also with the wild animals, but the angels ministered to him.
16. How do you think the prophecy in 1:2, 3 was fulfilled?
John was the messenger who would say “Make ready the way of the Lord.” Jesus is the Lord who was to come.

Comment Section:

2:1-12

Background: After Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, he called his first disciples. He and his disciples went to Capernaum in Galilee, and Jesus taught people and performed miracles. Then they went to other places in Galilee, and Jesus preached and performed miracles in those places. At 2:1, they came back to Capernaum.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Some men brought a paralyzed man to Jesus. [2:1-4]
- ☐ Jesus told the man "Your sins are forgiven." [2:5]
- ☐ Some scribes thought Jesus blasphemed when he said that. [2:6-7]
- ☐ Jesus told the man to get up, pick up his mat, and walk. [2:10-11]
- ☐ The man got up, picked up his mat and walked out, and the people praised God. [2:12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened when the people heard that Jesus had returned to Capernaum? [2:1-2]
So many people gathered at the house where Jesus was preaching that there was no more room in the house.
2. What did the four men do in 2:3?
They carried a paralyzed man, trying to take him to Jesus.
3. What did the four men do when they could not get into the house? [2:4]
They climbed onto the roof of the house, removed part of the roof, and lowered the man into the house.
4. What did Jesus say when he saw the faith of the four friends of the paralyzed man? [2:5]
Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven.
5. What did the scribes think when Jesus forgave the man's sins? [2:7]
They thought that Jesus blasphemed God because only God could forgive sins.
6. What did Jesus ask the scribes once he knew in his spirit what they were thinking? [2:8-9]
He asked them if it was easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven; Take up your mat and walk."
7. Which do you think was easier to say to the paralyzed man: "Your sins are forgiven" or "Take up your mat and walk"?
Perhaps it would be easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven," though no one can prove whether a person's sins were actually forgiven. Perhaps it was harder to say to a paralyzed man, "Take up your mat and walk," because people could immediately see whether the miracle actually happened.
8. What did Jesus call himself in 2:10?
Jesus called himself the Son of Man.

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9. What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man so that the people would know that he had authority on earth to forgive sins? [2:10-11]
Jesus told the paralyzed man to take up his mat and go to his house.
10. What did the paralyzed man do? [2:12]
He got up, took up his mat, and went out of the house in front of everyone.
11. What did the crowd do? [2:12]
The crowd gave glory to God and said they had never seen anything like this.
12. What do you think Jesus proved when he healed the man?
He proved that he had authority to forgive sins. Since God is the only one who can forgive sins, this also helps to show that Jesus is God.

Comment Section:

2:23-3:6

Background: The Sabbath was the last day of each week. In the Law of Moses, God commanded the Jews not to work on the Sabbath because it was holy.

In Mark 3:1 Jesus went into a synagogue. A synagogue was a place where Jewish people worshiped God.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus' disciples picked and ate some heads of grain on the Sabbath and some Pharisees criticized them. [2:23-24]
- ☐ Jesus reminded the Pharisees about when David ate the bread that only the priests were allowed to eat. [2:27-28]
- ☐ Jesus taught them about the Sabbath. [2:27-28]
- ☐ One Sabbath, some people watched Jesus closely to see if he would heal a man that day. They wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking the law. [3:1-2]
- ☐ Jesus healed the man. [3:5]
- ☐ The Pharisees began to plot with Herodians about how they might kill Jesus. [3:6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the disciples do when they walked through the grainfields on the Sabbath? [2:23]
The disciples were hungry, so they picked heads of grain to eat.
2. What did the Pharisees say to Jesus? [2:24]
They told Jesus it was unlawful for the disciples to do what they were doing on the Sabbath.
3. What did Jesus say that David did? [2:25-26]
David and his men were hungry, so he went into the house of God. David and his men ate the bread of the presence, which only the priests were allowed to eat.
4. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees about the Sabbath? [2:27]
The Sabbath was made for mankind. Mankind was not made for the Sabbath.
5. What authority did Jesus say he had? [2:28]
Jesus said that he, the Son of Man, was Lord also of the Sabbath.
6. What do you think Jesus meant in 2:27 when he spoke about the Sabbath and mankind?
Perhaps Jesus wanted people to know that God created the Sabbath to be a benefit to people, not a burden.
7. Who did Jesus see when he entered the synagogue? [3:1]
Jesus saw a man with a withered hand.

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8. Why were some people waiting to see what Jesus would do? [3:2]
They wanted to see if he would heal the man so they could accuse him of breaking the law about the Sabbath.
9. What did Jesus say to the man with the withered hand? [3:3]
Jesus told the man to stand in the middle of everyone.
10. What did Jesus say to the people who were watching? [3:4]
Jesus asked them if it was lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill.
11. Why do you think Jesus asked the people this? [3:4]
Jesus wanted them to acknowledge that the obvious answer was this: It was lawful to do good and save a life on the Sabbath.
12. Why was Jesus angry with the people and grieved? [3:5]
Jesus was angry and grieved because their hearts were hard.
13. What do you think it means to have had a hard heart? [3:5]
Perhaps it means to be stubborn and to refuse to agree with the truth.
14. What did Jesus tell the man with the withered hand and what happened? [3:5]
Jesus told the man to stretch out his hand. When the man stretched out his hand, it was restored.
15. What did the Pharisees do after Jesus healed the man? [3:6]
The Pharisees plotted with the Herodians how they could kill Jesus.
16. Why do you think the Pharisees wanted to kill Jesus?
The Pharisees thought Jesus disobeyed the law about the Sabbath by healing the man. They may have also been angry because Jesus challenged their authority in front of the crowd.

Comment Section:

4:1-20

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A large crowd gathered around Jesus, and he taught them in parables. [4:1-2]
- ☐ Jesus told them a parable about a farmer. [4:3-9]
- ☐ Jesus explained to his disciples why he used parables. [4:10-12]
- ☐ Jesus explained the meaning of the parable about the farmer. [4:13-19]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus do when he taught the crowd by the sea? [4:1, 2]
Jesus got into a boat on the sea and taught the people who were on the land.
2. How did Jesus teach the people? [4:2]
Jesus taught them many things in parables.
3. What did the farmer do? [4:3]
He went out to sow his seed.
4. What happened to the seed that fell beside the road? [4:4]
Birds came and ate the seed.
5. What happened to the seed that fell on the rocky ground? [4:5-6]
The seed sprang up, but since the soil was not deep, the plants dried out when the sun came out.
6. What happened to the seed that fell among the thorn plants? [4:7]
The thorns grew up and choked the seed and it produced no grain.
7. What happened to the seed that fell into the good soil? [4:8]
The seed produced grain, and it yielded thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as what was planted.
8. What did Jesus say to the people after he told them the parable? [4:9]
He said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear."
9. What did those who were around Jesus and the twelve disciples ask him? [4:10]
They asked Jesus about the parables.
10. What did Jesus say was given to them, but not to those outside? [4:11]
The disciples were given the secret of the kingdom of God.
11. What did Jesus say about those outside the kingdom? [4:12]
He said that he spoke to them in parables so that they may look and hear but not see or understand.

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12. What did Jesus say about the meaning of the parable he told them? [4:13]

He told them if they could not understand this parable, they would not understand all the other parables.

13. What did the farmer do? [4:14]

The farmer sowed the word.

14. What do you think Jesus was talking about when he said, "the word"?

He was talking about the word of God.

15. What did the seed sown beside the road represent? [4:15]

It represented people who heard the word, but immediately Satan took it away.

16. What did the seed sown on the rocky ground represent? [4:16-17]

It represented those who heard the word with joy, but when persecution came, they fell away.

17. What did the seed sown among thorn plants represent? [4:18-19]

It represented those who heard the word, but the cares of the world choked the word.

18. What did the seed sown in the good soil represent? [4:20]

It represented those who heard the word, received it, and produced fruit.

19. What do you think it meant to have heard the word and produced fruit?

Perhaps it meant to believe and obey the word. Perhaps the fruit represented good things that happened in a person's life or in other people's lives because of obeying the word.

Comment Section:

5:1-20

Background: After Jesus taught his followers by the sea of Galilee, Jesus told the 12 disciples he wanted to sail to the other side. Chapter 5 begins when Jesus and the disciples arrived at the other side of the sea.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus sailed to the other side of the sea and was met by a demon possessed man. [5:1-2]
- ☐ The man was possessed by many demons who called themselves “Legion.” [5:8-9]
- ☐ Jesus sent the demons out of the man to a herd of pigs. The pigs rushed down the steep hill into the water and drowned. [5:13]
- ☐ People came to see what happened, and they begged Jesus to leave their region. [5:17]
- ☐ The man wanted to follow Jesus, but Jesus told him to tell others what the Lord did for him. The man did as Jesus said. [5:20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Jesus and the disciples go? [5:1]
They sailed to the other side of the sea to the region of the Gerasenes.
2. What happened after Jesus stepped out of the boat? [5:2]
A man with an unclean spirit came from the tombs to meet Jesus.
3. What happened when people tried previously to restrain this man with chains? [5:3-4]
The man tore the chains apart.
4. What did the man do night and day? [5:5]
He cried out and cut himself with sharp stones.
5. What did the unclean spirit call Jesus? [5:6-7]
The unclean spirit called Jesus the Son of the Most High God.
6. What was the name of the unclean spirit? [5:9]
His name was Legion because there were many unclean spirits in the man.
7. What did the unclean spirit beg Jesus not to do? [5:10]
He begged Jesus not to send them out of the region.
8. What did the unclean spirits beg Jesus to do? [5:12]
They begged Jesus to send them into a herd of pigs that was feeding on the hillside.
9. What happened after Jesus gave the unclean spirits permission to enter the pigs? [5:13]
They came out of the man and entered the pigs. Then the pigs ran down the steep hill into the sea and drowned.

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10. What did those who were feeding the pigs do? [5:14]

They went and told people in the city and the countryside what had happened.

11. When people went out to see what happened, what did they see? [5:15]

They saw the man who had been possessed by Legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind.

12. What did the people beg Jesus to do? [5:17]

They begged Jesus to leave their region.

13. What did Jesus tell the man who had been possessed by unclean spirits to do? [5:19]

Jesus told the man to go to his house and his people and tell them what the Lord had done for him.

Comment Section:

7:24-30

Background: At the beginning of chapter 7, Jesus was in the land of Gennesaret where he taught and performed miracles. In this passage, Jesus left Gennesaret to go somewhere else.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. [7:24]
- ☐ A woman of Syrophenician descent begged Jesus to cast out a demon from her daughter. [7:26]
- ☐ When Jesus saw the humility of the woman, he told her the demon had left her daughter. [7:29]
- ☐ When the woman went home, she found her daughter had been healed. [7:30]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. To where did Jesus travel? [7:24]
Jesus traveled to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
2. Where did Jesus go when he got to the region of Tyre and Sidon? [7:24]
Jesus went into a house.
3. Who came to Jesus? [7:25]
A woman who had a daughter with an unclean spirit.
4. Was the woman, whose daughter had an unclean spirit, a Jew or a Greek? [7:26]
She was a Greek.
5. What did the woman beg Jesus to do? [7:26]
She begged Jesus to cast the demon out of her daughter.
6. What did Jesus say to the woman? [7:27]
Jesus told her to let the children be fed first and that it was not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.
7. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "Let the children be fed first," to the woman? [7:27]
Perhaps when Jesus spoke about children, he was speaking about the Jewish people. Perhaps Jesus said that he had come to minister to the Jews first.
8. How did the woman answer Jesus? [7:28]
She said, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
9. What do you think the woman meant when she said, "Even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs"?
Perhaps she meant that though the food was meant for the children, even dogs sometimes get a little bit of it.
Perhaps she meant that even though she was not a Jew, perhaps Jesus could still show her mercy.

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10. What did Jesus say to the woman? [7:29]

He told her that because of what she said, her daughter was healed.

11. What did the woman find when she got home? [7:30]

She found her daughter lying on the bed, and the demon was gone.

Comment Section:

9:2-13

Background: In chapter 8, Jesus asked his disciples, “who do you say I am?” Peter said Jesus was the Christ. Jesus told them not to tell anyone about him, and he taught them that he would have to suffer and be killed and that he would rise up after three days. In 9:1, Jesus told his disciples that some of those with him would see the kingdom of God come with power before they died.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain where he was transfigured in front of them. [9:2]
- ☐ Elijah and Moses spoke with Jesus and the disciples were terrified. [9:4]
- ☐ A voice from a cloud spoke to the disciples. [9:7]
- ☐ Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone what had happened. [9:9]
- ☐ The disciples asked Jesus about Elijah, and he told them that Elijah had already come. [9:13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to Jesus when Peter, James, and John went up a high mountain with him?
Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them.
2. Who appeared on the mountain with Jesus? [9:4]
Elijah and Moses.
3. How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus changed and Moses and Elijah with him? [9:6]
They were terrified.
4. What happened when a cloud came over them? [9:7]
A voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”
5. Who do you think spoke from the cloud?
God the Father.
6. What happened after the voice spoke to them from the cloud? [9:8]
Suddenly, the disciples saw no one else but Jesus.
7. What did Jesus say to Peter, James, and John as they came down from the mountain? [9:9]
Jesus told them they were to tell no one about what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
8. When Jesus spoke about the Son of Man, who do you think he was talking about? [9:9]
He was talking about himself.

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9. What did Peter, James, and John discuss among themselves? [9:10]
They wondered about what the words, “rising from the dead” could mean.
10. What did Jesus say about Elijah's coming? [9:12-13]
Jesus said that Elijah does come first to restore all things, and that Elijah had already come.
11. When Jesus said that Elijah had already come, who do you think he was talking about?
Perhaps Jesus was talking about John the Baptist. (See Mark 1:1-4)

Comment Section:

10:35-45

Background: Jesus and his disciples were on the road going to Jerusalem. Jesus told them that people would kill the Son of Man, but after three days, the Son of Man would rise.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ James and John asked Jesus if they could sit beside him in his glory. [10:35-37]
- ☐ James and John said they were able to drink the cup that Jesus was going to drink. [10:38-39]
- ☐ The other disciples became angry with James and John. [10:41]
- ☐ Jesus told the disciples that whoever wanted to be great must become a servant. [10:43-44]
- ☐ Jesus said that the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. [10:45]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did James and John want Jesus to let them do? [10:35-37]
They wanted him to let them sit with him in his glory.
2. Why do you think James and John asked this? [10:37]
Perhaps they wanted to share in Jesus' glory. Perhaps they wanted to be powerful and to rule with him.
3. What did Jesus ask James and John? [10:38]
Jesus asked if they were able to drink the cup which he would drink.
4. When Jesus spoke about drinking from the cup he would drink from or being baptized as he would be baptized, what do you think he was talking about? [10:38]
Perhaps Jesus was talking about the suffering and death he would endure before he would sit in glory.
5. What did Jesus say about who would sit at his left and right hand? [10:40]
Jesus said that he was not the one to decide who would sit at his right hand or left hand.
6. What happened when the other ten disciples heard what James and John had requested? [10:41]
They became very angry.
7. What did Jesus say about the Gentile rulers? [10:42]
The rulers of the Gentiles dominate people and exercise authority over them.
8. In what way were the disciples to be different from the Gentile rulers? [10:43-44]
Whoever wanted to be great among them must be a servant, and whoever wanted to be first must be slave of all.
9. What did Jesus say about the Son of Man? [10:45]
The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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10. What do you think Jesus meant when he said he would be a ransom for many? [10:45]
Jesus meant that his death on the cross would save many people.

Comment Section:

12:35-40

Background: Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem, and Jesus was teaching the people. During this time many Jewish leaders come to test Jesus by asking him questions. Some of the Jewish leaders were called “scribes.” These were men who taught the law of Moses to the people.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus asked why the scribes said, “Christ is the Son of David.” [12:35-37]
- ☐ Jesus quoted something that David had said about the Christ. [12:36]
- ☐ Jesus asked how Christ could be David’s son. [12:37]
- ☐ Jesus told the people to beware of the scribes. [12:38-40]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jesus ask while he was teaching in the temple courts? [12:35]
Jesus asked how the scribes could say that the Christ is the son of David?
2. What did Jesus ask about David and the Christ [12:36-37]?
If David called Christ “Lord,” how could Christ be David’s son?
3. How did the crowd respond to Jesus? [12:37]
The crowd gladly listened to him.
4. Why did Jesus tell the crowd that they should beware of the scribes? [12:38-40]
The scribes liked to be honored for being scribes, but they robbed widows and made long prayers just so that other people would think they were righteous. The scribes would be condemned more than others.

Comment Section:

14:12-26

Background: Jesus and his disciples were about to celebrate the Passover meal. Passover was a Jewish holy day when the Jews remembered how God helped them to escape Egypt during the time of Moses. This was Jesus' last meal with his disciples before he was arrested.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The disciples prepared the Passover meal in a large upper room. [14:16]
- ☐ Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray him. [14:18]
- ☐ Jesus blessed the bread and the wine and said that the bread was his body and the wine was the blood of the covenant. [14:22-25]
- ☐ After the Passover meal, Jesus and the disciples went to the Mount of Olives. [14:26]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did the disciples find the place where they would all eat the Passover? [14:12-16]
Jesus told them to go into the city and follow a man carrying a pitcher of water, then ask him where the guest room was that they would use to eat the Passover.
2. What did Jesus say to the twelve as they were reclining at the table? [14:18]
He said one of the disciples eating with him would betray him.
3. What did the disciples say to Jesus? [14:19]
They all asked if they were the one who would betray Jesus.
4. Who did Jesus say would betray him? [14:20]
Jesus said that it was one of the twelve, one who was dipping bread into the bowl with him.
5. What did Jesus say about the one who would betray him? [14:21]
Jesus said that it would have been better for him if he had not been born.
6. What did Jesus do as they were eating? [14:22]
He took bread, and after blessing it, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take; this is my body."
7. What did he say after he had taken a cup and given thanks? [14:24]
Jesus said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."
8. What did Jesus say about when he would drink the fruit of the vine again with his disciples? [14:25]
He would not drink from the fruit of the vine until he would drink it in the kingdom of God.

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9. What do you think was in the cup that Jesus gave to his disciples? [14:25]
Jesus called it “this fruit of the vine.” Perhaps it was either wine or grape juice.
10. What did Jesus and the disciples do after they sang a hymn? [14:26]
They went out to the Mount of Olives.

Comment Section:

15:1-15

Background: The Jewish leaders arrested Jesus. They said that Jesus blasphemed against God and deserved to die.

Verse 15:1 refers to a man named Pilate. Pilate was the Roman governor over Judea. He had the authority to judge people and condemn them to death.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The chief priests and the council handed Jesus over to Pilate. [15:1]
- ☐ Pilate asked Jesus about the accusations, but Jesus did not answer. [15:2-5]
- ☐ Pilate asked the crowd if they wanted him to release the King of the Jews to them. [15:9]
- ☐ The crowd told Pilate to release a criminal named Barabbas. [15:7, 11]
- ☐ The crowd shouted that Jesus should be crucified. [15:13, 14]
- ☐ Pilate released Barabbas and handed Jesus over to be crucified. [15:15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the chief priests do in the morning? [15:1]
They met with the elders, the scribes and the whole council. Then they bound Jesus and handed him over to Pilate.
2. What did Pilate ask Jesus? [15:2]
Pilate asked Jesus if he was the king of the Jews.
3. How did Jesus answer Pilate? [15:2]
Jesus said to Pilate, "You say so."
4. What did the chief priests do while Jesus was standing before Pilate? [15:3]
The chief priests accused Jesus of many things.
5. What was Pilate's response when Jesus did not answer the charges from the Jews? [15:5]
Pilate was amazed.
6. What did Pilate do for the Jews every year at the feast? [15:6]
Pilate released one prisoner that the Jews requested.
7. Who was Barabbas? [15:7]
Barabbas was one of the prisoners who had committed murder during a rebellion.
8. What did the crowd ask Pilate to do? [15:8-9]
The crowd asked Pilate to release a prisoner. Pilate asked them if he should release the King of the Jews.

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9. What did Pilate understand about the chief priests' reason for handing Jesus over to him? [15:10]
Pilate understood that it was out of envy that the chief priests delivered Jesus to him.
10. What did the crowd say should be done with Jesus? [15:13]
They yelled that he should be crucified.
11. What did Pilate do? [15:15]
Pilate released Barabbas to them. He also scourged Jesus and handed him over to be crucified.
12. What do you think it meant that Pilate scourged Jesus?
Perhaps it meant that Pilate ordered his soldiers to strike Jesus many times with a whip.

Comment Section: