

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Please continue to pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer. Pray for Deb Murray, as she is in recovery from back surgery.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Hubleys.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week, pray for the Savills.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for the families and students affected by the recent school shooting in Minneapolis.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 9/14/25:

Online views (through 9/18): 9

Giving

Online: (9/8/25-9/14/25): \$520 for general

In-person on 9/14/25: \$2203 for general, \$500 for gym



Give Online

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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Matthew 27:14

But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.



Welcome!

September 21st, 2025

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be **CONNECTED** with Jesus, **CHANGED** by Jesus, and **COMMITTED** to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about a passage of Scripture where Pilate is forced to make a difficult decision.

Announcements

TRUNK OR TREAT: This year's trunk or treat will be happening on Oct. 24th. Please sign up for a trunk at the welcome counter. If you need a decoration kit, just check the box!

BAPTISM: Are you interested in getting baptized? We would love to celebrate with you! Please talk to Pastor Josh for more details.

SMALL GROUPS: Small group sign-ups are on the welcome counter! Please see Pastor Josh or Tammi for more information.

LUNCH AT THE FISHER'S: Thanks to everyone who came to lunch at the Fisher's last week! It was a great time of fellowship.

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

PRAYER GUIDE: Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.



How to Make Wise Decisions

Week 81 - Matthew 27:11-26 - 9/21/25

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3. Be on the lookout for _____
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4. Remember that God often puts _____
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 27:11-26 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- As you reflect on how Pilate dealt with his situation, how do you think you would have handled it?
- How do you typically handle making decisions?
- What decisions are you wrestling with during this season of your life? How have you been handling them so far?

Diving In

1. Read Matthew 27:14. Pilate was amazed by how Jesus responded to the accusations against Him. If Pilate would have just made his decision solely on Jesus' response, he would have chosen something completely different. How well do you base your decisions solely on God's Word? How can you improve on that?

2. Pilate followed the direction of the crowd, and too often, we can make the same mistake. How easily are you influenced by the "crowd," and how can you make sure to make Godly decisions, even when they aren't popular?

3. Read Matthew 27:18. The religious leaders' sin impacted so many people. How can you best be on the lookout for sin when making decisions?

4. What wise believers has God put around you? How can you, after testing their advice (see James 3:17, 1 John 4:1, and Matt. 7:15-20), make sure not to make the same mistake that Pilate did, and ignore them?

5. Even though Pilate knew the right thing to do, he still entertained the wrong decision. We often do the same. After you've ruled out certain sinful options, how can you make sure not to entertain them again?

6. If Pilate would have made the right decision, he would have been widely unpopular with the crowd and religious leaders. Furthermore, it probably would have led to huge issues for him. Just because we make the right decisions doesn't necessarily mean our circumstances will be great afterwards. How would remembering this help you to always make the most God-honoring decisions?

7. We will all be held accountable for our decisions. How would remembering that encourage you to make God-honoring decisions?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
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