

Read Mark 15:1-5

**1** Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council —met to discuss their next step. They had reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

**2** Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “You have said it.”

**3** Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes,

**4** and Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?”

**5** But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate’s surprise.

**What decision had the Jewish religious leaders already made about Jesus (v. 1)?** That He was guilty and deserved to die.

**Who did they hand Jesus over to?** Pilate

**Who was Pilate?** The Roman governor

**What did Pilate ask Jesus (v. 2)?** Are you the king of the Jews?

**How did Jesus answer him?** Yes, I am.

**What did the chief priests say (v. 3)?** They said Jesus had done a lot of bad things. He had broken the law.

**How did Pilate respond (v. 4)?** He asked Jesus if He was going to defend Himself against the bad things the religious leaders were saying about Him.

**How did Jesus respond to Pilate (v. 5)?** He didn’t answer.

**What did Pilate think about that?** He was surprised that Jesus refused to answer.

**Why didn’t Jesus answer?** To fulfill prophecy (Isaiah 53:7) which was written/predicted 600 years before Jesus was born. *“He was oppressed and afflicted yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.”*