



**“Responses to Jesus:
Hating, Avoiding,
Mocking”
Matthew 20:17-19
Matthew 26-27
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I. Hating — The Religious Leaders

II. Avoiding — Pilate

III. Mocking — The Soldiers

I. Hating — The Religious Leaders

What does Matthew 4:23-25 tell us about how the people responded to Jesus?

Who was less than excited about this response according to Matthew 12:14?

Why were the religious leaders threatened by Jesus? What were they afraid of?

What does Jesus say about the religious leaders in Matthew 23:13-35?

What was the plan for the religious leaders to deal with Jesus? Matthew 26:3-4

How do we see the same response in people around us that we can see in the religious leaders? Why is Jesus a threat to people?

In Matthew 26:57-68 we see the trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin. Why is this trial a charade? What were the religious leaders convinced of?

II. Avoiding — Pilate

Why did the religious leaders need to bring Jesus before Pilate in Matthew 27:1-2?

What is Pilate's view of Jesus from Matthew 27:11-24?

What is Pilate's dilemma? What is his solution in Matthew 27:15-18?

How does this solution backfire in Matthew 27:20-23?

What does Pilate feel forced to do and why in Matthew 27:24?

Why do people today try to avoid dealing with Jesus? Why is Jesus a threat to them?

How do people avoid dealing with Jesus?

III. Mocking — The Soldiers

How do the soldiers in Matthew 27:27-31 respond to Jesus? List what was done.

What is ironic about Jesus being mocked as “Hail, king of the Jews”?

How have you seen Jesus and faith in Jesus being mocked by people?

What does 1 Corinthians 1:18 tell us about this?

What does Luke 5:32 and 2 Peter 3:9 tell us?

What is the message of Jesus to those who are hating and who are avoiding and who are mocking?