

November 9 Answers

- 1) There were three issues that contributed to Pilate's downfall: (1) He insisted on doing things his **own** way. This teaches us how important it is to follow God's leadership in **all** our decisions, for our past mistakes can **undermine** our ability to do right when it really counts; (2) He was **cynical** and **sarcastic**. This teaches us to cultivate a **love** for the truth, for if we **scorn** God's Word, the day will come when we can no longer tell the truth from a lie; (3) He put political **ambition** above personal **integrity**. This teaches us the danger of ambition, for if we care more about **success** than integrity, we will end up sacrificing what is most precious—the Son of God.