Chapter 22 - Assignment 8: Plato's *Apology* Dialogue — [6]

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After he was sentenced to death, Socrates had a few things to say to the jurors who voted in favor of putting him to death. (See page 16.)

1. According to Socrates, why was the death penalty no big deal for him?

2. According to Socrates, he could've escaped the death penalty, but he chose not to do so. Why did he choose *not* to escape the death penalty?

3. Consider how Socrates said, “Evil runs faster than death! I’m slow, but my accusers are fast. As a result, I’ve been caught by the slower runner, and my accusers have been caught by the faster runner!” What did he mean by that?

4. According to Socrates, why is it perilous for politicians to put him to death?

5. On why it’s a mistake to *unjustly* put someone to death, what Socrates said is like what he said to Polus (in Plato’s *Gorgias* dialogue) about how it’s worse to *do* wrong than to *be* wronged. On how it’s worse to *do* wrong than to *be* wronged, what did Socrates say to Polus? (See pages 22–24 in Chapter 18.)