

What Will You Do With Jesus?

Matthew 27:11-26

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THEME: This is the story of the judgment of Jesus before He was taken to be crucified. However, in reality, it is the story of the judgment of us all. He took our place in this judgment.

I. THE SILENCE OF JESUS (27:11-14; Isaiah 53:7)

- A. **No Voice for Fame (27:11)** Jesus did not exalt Himself when questioned.
- B. **No Voice for Honor (27:12)** When the religious rulers dishonored Jesus with their accusations, the Lord took their insults without defending Himself. He answered nothing.
 - We are called to follow the Lord's example whenever we are mistreated (**1Peter 2:21-23**).
- C. **No Voice for Safety (27:13-14)** Pilate marveled to see a man who did not fear for his life and would not defend himself.
 - a. Pilate is the one who was afraid (**John 19:8**). He suspected this might really be the Son of God.
 - b. Jesus answered (**John 19:9-11**), but never to defend himself.
 - i. The Lord speaks to us in a still small voice (1 Kings 19:11-12). His sheep hear His voice (John 10:27).
 - ii. The Lord stands at the door and knocks (Rev 3:20). He doesn't break down the door.
 - iii. The Love of Christ constrains us (2 Cor 5:14).

II. THE SOLUTION OF PILATE (27:15-18): a worldly gimmick.

- A. **To Trust in Chance (27:15); he sought to wisely use the opportunity at hand (2Samuel 1:6)**
 - a. He planned to contrast the "good man, Jesus" with the "bad man, Barabbas." He thought there was a very good chance they would let the good man go.
 - b. God doesn't try and manipulate us into making right choices. He desires fellowship with us (1 Jn 1:3) and hopes we'll choose to do right because we love Him.
- B. **To Give a Choice (27:16-17; Deuteronomy 30:15-20)**
 - a. Preachers today offer people unbiblical choices, creating worldly ministries in their church so they can please the people and draw big crowds through entertainment. Worldly solutions to difficult situations are not God's methods.
- C. **To Try to Charm (27:18)**

III. THE SUFFERING OF PILATE'S WIFE (27:19). She knew something was wrong.

- A. **The Dream (see Genesis 20:1-3).**
 - B. **The Warning (v.4, 24; Luke 23:41, 47).** When God gives us a warning, we would be wise to listen.
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IV. THE SHOUTING OF THE MULTITUDE (27:20-23)

- A. **To Save the Murderer (27:20-21).** Pilate didn't know the people were persuaded by the chief priests and elders to release the murderer.
- B. **To Murder the Saviour (27:22-23; Isaiah 5:20).** They saved the murderer so they could murder the Savior.
- Whenever you choose something *besides* Jesus, you have chosen *against* Him.
 - Jesus teaches us to do things God's way whatever the cost. Blessings will follow.
 - Christ is our life (Colossians 3:4).
 - We are members of His body (Ephesians 5:30).
 - We are in Him, and He is in us (1 Jn 5:20, 1 Cor 8:6, 2 Cor 5:17, John 14:20).
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V. THE SHAME OF THE HOUR (27:24-26)

- A. **The Dodge of Pilate (27:24; Acts 24:22-25).** One day he will find out that water cannot wash away sins.
- B. **The Declaration of the People (27:25; Acts 7:54-60), "His blood be on us, and on our children."**
- God took them at their word. They suffer still today as a result of their careless outcry.
- D. **The Deliverance of the Saviour (27:26; John 19:16-18; Acts 3:12-26) to be crucified.**
- Jesus could have stopped it (Mt 26:53) and never gone to the cross.
 - He could have defended Himself and been right, but He chose to remain silent and go to the cross to pay for our sins.
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He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:10-12