

“WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?”

PILATE’S EXAMPLE

Matthew 27:11-26

- I. PILATE, A WORLDLY KING, MEETS THE KING OF KINGS:** Pilate, the Roman governor, questions Jesus concerning the Jews accusations and Jesus reveals He is the King, testifying the good confession **(11-14, 1Tim 6:13)**

- II. PILATE, AMAZED AND AFRAID, MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO RELEASE JESUS:** Pilate, finding no guilt in Jesus, as a cunning politician, attempts to avoid dealing with Jesus... **(15-24)**
 - A. ...**1ST BY SENDING JESUS TO HEROD**, yet he finds no guilt (Luke 23:1-11)

 - B. ...**2ND BY GIVING DECISION TO THE PEOPLE:** Pilate tries to get Jesus released as per the custom, yet the wicked Jewish people fueled by their leaders hate, would not have it (15-23)
 1. Pilate tries to get them to choose to release Jesus over Barabbas (15-19)

 2. The wicked Jewish leaders persuade the people to insist Christ is crucified, in spite of Pilate’s questioning “why?” (20-23)

 - C. ...**3RD BY TRYING TO ABSOLVE HIS GUILT AND RESPONSIBILITY.** Yet he will be held guilty by God (24, Acts 4:26-28)

- III. PILATE REALIZING HIS RULE IS AT RISK, VAINLY TRIES TO PRESERVE SELF, THUS WRONGLY CONDEMNING JESUS TO DIE** according to the people’s desire **(24-26)**
 - A. The Jewish people assume responsibility (25)

 - B. Barabbas is released, Jesus is scourged and delivered to be crucified (26)