

# "What Will You Do With Jesus"

## Matthew 27

In Matthew 27 Jesus is standing before Pilate the governor of Judea.

Pilate has to make a decision concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now here's the question: Matthew 27:\_\_\_\_ In Matthew 27 Pilate represents every man, woman, young person who has ever lived and every one of us today.....

Now notice 3 things about the decision Pilate made about Jesus:

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Confronted him. Notice 4

1. The "V" of \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 27:18

Now Pilate knew that the religious leaders wanted Jesus to be crucified for they were.....

C.S. Lewis said, "Jesus Christ is one of three persons, He is either a liar, a lunatic or He is LORD. Those are the 3 choices and we must choose one.

2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> "V" that confronted Pilate was the "V" of a \_\_\_\_\_ one. Matt. 27:19

Is there anyone here that hasn't had a ..... Jesus? Perhaps a mom.....

How many men are listening today that your wife has prayed.....

3. Notice the "V" of Pilates own \_\_\_\_\_. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent. Mt. 27:22-24

**Luke 23:4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people,  
I find no fault in this man.**

Pilate in his "C" knew..... Perhaps there are some here in this service this morning, maybe you're watching online and.....

4. Most importantly the "V" of \_\_\_\_\_ Himself spoke to Pilate that day.

**John 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.**

**Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

Pilate heard ..... Jesus You say Bro. Jim I may have heard the "V" of..... but I've never heard the "V" of Jesus. Oh really if you have a Bible with you this morning would ..... up.

Everyone of us here this morning has heard the "V" of Jesus for every time we.....

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Conformed him.

There were certain "V", certain pressures, that kept Pilate from making a decision for Jesus that day. Notice 3:

1. There was \_\_\_\_\_ opinion. Matthew 27:20

Pilate was a politician and like many of our corrupt politicians in Washington D.C. they would rather read the polls ..... right?

**Mark 15:15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged Him, to be crucified.**

Pilate was more willing to please the crowd than.....

Public opinion is what molded Pilate. We're going to give a public invitation at the end of this service for people to come and publically .....

and yet some will not come and say yes to Jesus because you.....

Let me warn you my friend you'd better be more concerned about Jesus.....

2. \_\_\_\_\_ kept Pilate from giving his heart and life to Jesus. Pilate was a very "P" man.  
**John 19:9-10** *And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest Thou not unto me? knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee?*

Pilate said to Jesus, "don't you know who you....."

I love what Jesus said to this egomaniac in **John 19:11**

**Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin.**

Do you know what's going to keep some of you here today from coming to Jesus is your...  
**Proverbs 16:18** *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

3. His \_\_\_\_\_ and his possessions kept Pilate from confessing Jesus as Lord.

Pilate had a soft job, he was governor of Judea and like a LOT of our corrupt politicians, what-ever buttered ..... conduct.

Pilate knew if he'd done what was right with Jesus he would lose his job.

**John 19:12** *And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.*

There are people today who refuse to give their heart and lives to Jesus because they know if they do it may cost.....

Here's ole Pilate he's being molded, he's been squeezed there were.....

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Condemned him. Notice 2 things:

1. Pilate thought if he could get someone else to decide on what to do with Jesus he'd be O.K.

**Luke 23:6-7** *When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.*

What you and I do with Jesus is our own decision, no-one else can ..... us.

Not your Father, not your.....

2. Pilate attempted to be neutral about Jesus. **Matthew 27:22-24**

Pilate thought he could wash his hands and be done with Jesus.

Key thought: Not to decide for Jesus is a decision to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

**Matthew 12:30** *He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*

I'm telling you my friend an ocean full of water couldn't ..... that day.

**What can wash away our sins, NOTHING but the BLOOD of Jesus  
What can make us.....**