

Matt 27:22-31 Week 99

What Do I Do With Jesus-- Part 2

John 18:28 Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" 30 "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." (*Arrogance to his authority...My quote.*) 31 Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. 32 This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. 33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" 34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" 35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" 36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." 37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?" 40 They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

- The subjects of this kingdom are those that are _____ the truth.
- All, by the grace of God, are _____ from being under the power of the Father of Lies.
- _____ can be as easily seen as truth.
- Many may ask this question, but they don't have the _____ to persevere in their search for truth, or the humility and sincerity to receive it when they have found it.

2 Tim 3:6-7 They who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. NIV

It is uncertain with what design Pilate asked this question: "What is truth?"

1. Perhaps he spoke it as a _____.
2. Some think he spoke it as a _____, enquiring further into the cause now brought before him: "Let me into this mystery, and tell me what the truth of it is, the true state of this matter."

3. Others think he spoke it as a _____, in a jeering way:

"Thou talks of truth; canst thou tell what truth is, or give me a definition of it?"

For that to be accomplished believers must go past _____ to being _____.

Matt 27:24 So when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather that a riot was about to break out, he took water and washed his hands in the presence of the crowd, saying, I am not guilty of nor responsible for this righteous Man's blood; see to it yourselves.
[Deut 21:6-9; Ps 26:6.]

- It was ironic, and doubtlessly _____ that the governor chose a Jewish ritual to depict his renunciation of responsibility for Jesus' fate. If the ruling elders of a city were not able to determine the identity of a murderer, the Mosaic law provided that they could publicly wash their hands, pray to God, and there by _____ themselves of any guilt regarding their inability to render justice.
- If he would permit Jesus' death, they would assume all _____.

Acts 5:28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."NIV

What do we learn?

1. Man has to be _____ for the power given to them.
2. False teaching will always lead to false _____.
It's hard to blame the people-- they followed the law by following the priests.

Deut. 17: 8 If cases come before your courts that are too difficult for you to judge-whether bloodshed, lawsuits or assaults--take them to the place the LORD your God will choose. 9 Go to the priests, who are Levites, and to the judge who is in office at that time. Inquire of them and they will give you the verdict. 10 You must act according to the decisions they give you at the place the LORD will choose. Be careful to do everything they direct you to do. 11 Act according to the law they teach you and the decisions they give you. Do not turn aside from what they tell you, to the right or to the left. 12 The man who shows contempt for the judge or for the priest who stands ministering there to the LORD your God must be put to death. You must purge the evil from Israel.

3. Be careful... God may give you what you have _____ for
4. Those who worship and greatly fear the Lord will be _____.