

**MATTHEW:
THE GOSPEL
OF THE KINGDOM**

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

Matthew 27:11-26

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Introduction:

- 2 Corinthians 11:1-4
- The tendency to shape a Jesus after our own making, who affirms the beliefs we believe, supports the causes we support, and reflects the values we accept.
- The only remedy to such a tendency is to again and again over time be shaped by the Scripture's presentation of who Jesus Christ is.
- This isn't simple or easy...but takes ongoing submission and attention.
- In today's passage we see an example of a problem that continues to be a difficulty...whether we will accept Jesus as He offers Himself or whether we will seek another kind of savior.

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Jesus' Trial Before Pilate - v.11-14

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "You have said so."

But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

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An Alternate Plan - v.15-18

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.

And they had then a notorious prisoner called [Jesus] Barabbas.

So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: [Jesus] Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

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A Strange Intervention - v.19

Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

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The Plan Proposed and Rejected - v.20-23

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

And they said, "[Jesus] Barabbas."

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?"

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Jesus' Fate is Sealed - v.24-26

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified."

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Applications

- The importance of listening well to fellow readers of the Bible (people we know, books we read, podcasts, sermons), but never replacing their insights and conversations with our direct engagement with the Word of God.
- The significance of praying for a spirit of submission and careful listening to the Holy Spirit as we take in Scripture.
- In these ways we have access to the person of Jesus Christ, learning, growing, and following Him...not ours or others' ideas of Him.

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