

## Difficult Decisions: When You Have To Decide About Jesus

### Matt. 27:15-26

#### Introduction:

- A. There are some questions in life that are so important, our answer to the question can be life changing. EX: Will you marry me? Do you accept our offer for this new job?
- B. However, there is one question that is not just life changing but it's also eternity changing.
- C. Pilate asked, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" (Matt. 27:22). Everything depends on our answer to that question. Our eternal destiny hangs in the balance.

#### Will You Ignore Jesus?

- A. Pilate tried to make his dilemma go away when he found out Jesus belong to Herod's jurisdiction (Lk. 23:6-12).
- B. People today try to ignore Jesus because He interferes with their life choices (Jn. 3:19).
- C. If we ignore Jesus now, He will ignore us on the Day of Judgment (Matt. 10:32-33).

#### Will You Compromise Jesus?

- A. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent and didn't deserve to die (Lk. 23:14-15).
- B. Pilate was willing to punish Jesus and eventually handed him over to his death (Mk. 15:12-15).
- C. Too many people make compromises when it comes to Jesus b/c of worldly honor (Jn. 12:43).

#### Will You Accept Jesus?

- A. There are people who know the truth about Jesus but they will not act upon their convictions and obey Him (Lk. 23:18-25).
- B. While Pilate didn't act upon the truth and stand with Jesus, one of the criminals did (Lk. 23:39-42).
- C. People on the day of Pentecost acted upon the truth they heard about Jesus (Acts 2:37-41).

#### Conclusion:

- A. The Bible teaches, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27).
- B. We cannot run away from making a decision. No matter how hard we may try, we cannot ignore a decision when it comes to Jesus (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10).
- C. What are you waiting for? Give your life to Jesus this morning and faithfully serve Him.