

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

Introduction:

- A. Pilate was faced with a dilemma when faced with Jesus – cf. Matt.27:11-26.
 - 1. Religious leaders called for release of Barabbas, leaving him with dilemma of what to do with Jesus – Matt.27:22.
 - 2. Pilate could have and should have answered his own question.
 - 3. Instead of protecting an innocent man, he tried to evade his responsibility.
 - a. He sent Jesus to Herod – cf. Lk.23:6,7.
 - b. He stated three times that he found no cause of death in Him – Lk.23:22,
 - c. Pilate decided Jesus was innocent, but was not willing to stand behind his decision.
- B. In a sense each of us today stands where Pilate stood!
 - 1. We are confronted with Jesus – what shall we do with Him?
- C. Some think they can evade the question by just ignoring it.
 - 1. This cannot be done because one...
 - a. ...is either for or against Him – Matt.12:30.
 - b. ...either loves or hates Him – Matt.6:24.
 - c. ...either receives or rejects Him – Jn.1:12; 12:48.
 - d. ...either crowns Him as Lord, or crucifies Him as worthless imposter – Heb.6:4-6; 10:26-29.
 - e. ...either confess Him or is ashamed of Him – Lk.9:26.
- D. We want to see how some responded when confronted with Jesus, to the end we might properly answer this question today.

I. What Some Did with Jesus.

- A. The shepherds were “Attracted” to Him – Lk.2:8-16.
 - 1. Are you attracted to Jesus, our Savior?
- B. Wise men “Worshiped” Him – Matt.2:1,2,11.
 - 1. Worship is to: “show reverence to a deity; intense love or admiration.”
 - a. Do we give Jesus His place of honor in our lives?
- C. Herod tried to “Kill” Him – Matt.2:16.
 - 1. Do we try to kill Jesus? Yes.
 - a. How? Based on how we live our lives! – 2 Pet.2:20; Heb.10:29.
- D. Judas “Betrayed” Him – Matt.26:14-16.
 - 1. Many betray Him by becoming a disciple and then giving aid to those who wish to do Him harm.
- E. Peter “Denied” Him – Matt.26:69-75.
 - 1. When put on the spot, do we defend our Lord or do as Peter did?
- F. Pilate tried to be “Neutral” – Matt.27:24.
 - 1. We cannot be neutral where Jesus is concerned.
- G. Saul of Tarsus “Persecuted” Him – Acts 9:1,2; 26:10,11.
 - 1. When Saul persecuted Christians he was persecuting Christ Himself – Acts 9:3-6.
 - 2. Some persecute Christians today, and thus persecute our Lord.
- H. The question is still before us – “What Shall I Do With Jesus?”
 - 1. Not what the person next to me will do, but what will I do!

II. Some Day the Question Will Be Reversed:

- A. Jesus stands before us this very hour and we must decide what to do with Him – Rev.3:19-21.
- B. A day is coming when we’ll stand before HIM and HE will decide what to do with US! – 2 Cor.5:10; Matt.10:32,33.

Conclusion:

- A. What will you **do** with Jesus this morning?