

"What Shall I Do With Jesus"?

Matthew 27:22;

Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

-This question which fell from the lips of Pilate:

- 1-Has been ringing through the ages.
- 2-Men have been answering it in various ways.
- 3-How are you going to answer it tonight.

2-What shall I do then with Jesus which is called the Christ: Matt. 27:22

1-We will crucify him cried the Jews.

2-Why, what evil hath he done? Matt.27:23

1-But they cried out the more, saying, let Him be crucified.

3-I'll sell him said Judas. Matthew 26:14-16.

1-Then one of the twelve called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they bargained with him for thirty pieces of silver.

And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

2-The price of the betrayal:

1-Thirty pieces of silver the legal price of a slave.

2-Like many others;

Judas wanted to use Jesus but was unwilling to be used by Jesus.

3-After all;

That Judas had seen and known of Jesus, this was all the benefit he thought he could derive from him.

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4-I'LL deny him said Peter. Mark 14:66-68.

1-And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high prisest;

And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

But Peter denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest

2-Peter's speech betrays him; Matt. 26:73;

And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely, thou also art one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee.

1-This refers, of course, to Peter's Galilean brogue. How about your life? As people come to know you could they tell that you are a follower of Christ?

2-Peter repented-Peter's repentance was attested:

1-By the bitterness of his tears.

2-By his humble submission to his Lord's subsequent rebuke. John 21:15-17.

2-Peter: The third time that Jesus showed himself after his resurrection.

1-Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these.

1-Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. Feed my lambs.

2-Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me.

1-Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. Feed my sheep.

3-Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?

1-Peter was grieved because the Lord ask him this the third time.

2-Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee.

Feed my sheep.

4-By his subsequent confession of Christ in face of threatening danger. Acts 4:19

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5-We will forsake him said some of the disciples
Matthew 26:56;

Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.

1-In the hour when the mob came to take Jesus.

2-In that dark hour when Jesus needed as never before.

3-In that hour when Jesus was lonely they all fled.

1-He who forsakes Jesus, forsakes man's only hope.

John 6:66;

From that time many of the disciples went back and walked no more with him.

67-Then said Jesus to the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68-Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

6-I will be neutral said Pilate..Matt. 27:24;

1-He was afraid to deny Jesus altogether.

2-Yet he was too weak to take a positive stand for Jesus.

3-Actually, Pilate did the coward's act--He tried to be neutral which is an impossible position.

7-I will postpone my decision-Felix said.

Acts 24:25;

And as he-Paul-reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgement to come, Felix trembled and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

1-Delay is a dangerous thing. As procrastination proved to be the thief of time for Felix so it may prove the same for you.

2-We are subject to many reverses-We should not postpone our decision in favor of Jesus.

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8-I am almost persuaded to take him now-said Agrippa- Acts 26:27-28;

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

1-Agrippa's attitude did not profit him for he failed to act.

2-Good impulses often die for want of action.

9-We will take him now said those on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:41-42;

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about 3000 thousand souls. 42-;

And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

10-So in conclusion:

1-Will you do as those on the day of Pentecost-Accept him now.