What Will I Do With Jesus?

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INTRODUCTION

- Pilate saw that Jesus was innocent. And he wanted to release Jesus.
- Though he had the vision to see what was going on, to see the innocence of Jesus, in the end he was a coward.
- Pilate answered and said to them again, What then do you want me to do with him whom you call the king of the Jews?

1 The Religious Leaders: Get Rid of Him

Mark 14:1–2; Romans 1:18–19; Mark 7:6–9

- Their answer was, we need to get rid of him. They plotted to kill him.
- They hated Jesus, who had healed and taught and fed them. Because Jesus challenged their traditions.
- In our culture that wants to be defined by inclusion and tolerance, Jesus and his demanding teaching is not included. And is not tolerated.
- All too well you reject the commandment of God that you may keep your tradition.
- It wasn't what would have been labeled the heathen worldly people who wanted to get rid of Jesus, who wanted to kill Jesus. It was the most religious among them.

2 Judas: Just Using Jesus

- Judas was just using Jesus. It's a means to an ungodly end.
- One of the grandest ways that we can selfishly use Jesus for our own interest is that we can have just enough religion, just enough godliness, just enough Christianity to soothe our conscience.
- Having a form of godliness, but denying its power and from such people turn away.
- A thin veneer of Christianity that hides the corruptness within.

3 The Disciples: Argue and Criticize

Mark 14:5; 1 Timothy 6:3–5; Revelation 2:2–4

- For it might have been sold for more than 300 denarii and given to the poor. And they criticize her sharply.
- This argumentative, divisive spirit can cause us to major in minors and to miss the proverbial forest for the trees.
- The truth needs to be defended. That's an argument worth having.
- There are going to be those who just want to argue, who just want to debate for debate's sake.
- Nevertheless, I have this against you. You have left your first love.
- We must be careful that we don't choose one and neglect the other.

4 Mary: She Has Done What She Could

Mark 14:6–9

- She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint my body for burial.
- Or is he saying, Mary was listening when you weren't?
- What can I do? I know what I'll do. I'll anoint his body for his burial. I can do that.
- Some way that I can sacrifice to serve Jesus. That's what I'll do with Jesus.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you try to get rid of him? Will you selfishly use him just as a means to an ungodly end? Will you just argue and bicker? Or will you sacrificially serve him and give of yourself to one who gave you all?**

MY NOTES