What Will You Do With Jesus?

Greg Kline · Matthew 27:11–26

INTRODUCTION

- The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot.
- Pilate said to them, Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ? They all said, Let him be crucified.
- But we face that same decision, both in a new year and in every single day, every single new moment in which we are blessed to live.

1 Pilate Said, I Find No Guilt in This Man

Luke 23:3–18

- Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, I find no guilt in this man.
- His solution to seeing Jesus, knowing he was guiltless, was I don't want to deal with it. This is somebody else's problem.
- I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us.
- Pilate didn't have it in him to stand against those who were shouting louder than his conviction stood.
- Why would an innocent man be scourged? It is injustice. It is cowardice. It is wrong.
- What will I do with the King of kings and the Lord of Lords? Will I serve him or will I serve myself instead?

2 What Have I Done With Jesus?

1 Timothy 6:6–10; 1 John 2:15–17; Mark 8:34–38

- For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.
- Money becomes the driving force. And Jesus is removed from his rightful place as King in our lives.
- If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- What I do with Jesus has my eternity on the line. What I do with my television set has that moment on the line.
- For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed.
- Jesus does not just belong in the church building, brothers and sisters. Being a Christian is a lifestyle.

3 What Will I Do With Jesus?

Acts 17:11; Acts 7:51–60; Matthew 6:9–13

- They received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so.
- If I, like Pilate, can see him for what he should be. There's no compromising.
- And falling to his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, Lord, do not hold the sin against them.

- He recognized that God and Christ were to be accepted and to be followed at all costs, even up to and including imitating Christ's forgiveness.
- We should pray like Jesus did, praying that his will be done, that we will be forgiven even, and that we will forgive others.
- Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

THE CHALLENGE

What will you do with the opportunity that you have? Will you serve Jesus today, or will you let another opportunity pass through your fingers?

MY NOTES