

WHAT SHALL I DO

MATTHEW 27

Text: Matt 27:22

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Introduction:

Pilate tried five different ways to evade this destiny-determining question.

1. HE REASONED ABOUT IT

(John 18:30-31) They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. {31} Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

(John 18:38) Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

When you reason with Satan, you will lose every time. There is no man, in his own strength, who can reason with Satan and win.

2. HE EVADED IT

(Luke 23:6-11) When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. {7} And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. {8} And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. {9} Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. {10} And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. {11} And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

Pilate sought to turn Jesus over to someone else. He said, "Let others make the decision for me." There are times when we stand alone. This is one of them, when we decide for or against Jesus.

3. HE COMPROMISED ABOUT IT

(John 19:1-4) Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. {2} And the soldiers platted a crown of

thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, {3} And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. {4} Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

I may up many evils, and decide to live a perfect life, but I must still answer the question of the text. I have not yet dealt with Jesus.

4. HE SOUGHT A SUBSTITUTE

(Matthew 27:15-22) Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. {16} And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. {17} Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? {18} For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. {19} When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. {20} But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. {21} The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. {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.

Often people try to substitute something else for faith in Jesus. But there is only one way to be saved - through Him.

5. HE WASHED HIS HANDS OF IT

(Matthew 27:24) When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

He washed his hands of it, but He was executed under Pilate's authority just the same.

(Acts 4:27) For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

(Hebrews 10:29) Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?