

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

Introduction

Jesus facing Pilate:

Matthew 27:11-22

1. The question asked by Pilate is a universal question
2. It is asked by people of all races, classes, and nations.
3. After one has learned the truth about Christ, one can NEVER be the same again.

John 15:21-22 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

- A. One is either better by obeying or worse by rejecting knowledge.

Things Involved in the Question:

“What Shall I Do With Jesus?”

1. It is a question that no responsible person can ignore.

Matthew 12:30 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

A. There is no neutral ground where Jesus is concerned.

2. The question is magnified when we understand that Jesus is God's spokesman to man.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

A. Christ is the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).

1) There is no Pope, Priest, Prophet, or Mother of God to intercede.

B. Christ is the savior of man (Matthew 1:21; 2 Timothy 2:10).

3. Jesus is our perfect example.

1 Peter 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

4. Therefore, this question “What Shall I Do With Jesus” has to do with our soul, the judgment rendered, and our eternity!

John 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

A. When we understand this, surely we will concede that this question is of vital importance!

What Some Did with Jesus

1. The shepherds were “attracted” to Him.

Luke 2:8-16

- A. Are you attracted to Jesus, our Savior?

2. Wise men “worshipped” Him.

Matthew 2:1-2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him...

- A. **Worship is to: “show reverence to a deity; intense love or admiration.”**

- 1) Do we truly give Jesus His place of honor in our lives?
- 2) Do we really admire the sacrifice He gave on our behalf?

3. Herod tried to “kill” Him.

Matthew 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

A. Do we try to kill Jesus?

1) How? Based on how we live our lives!

2 Peter 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

4. Judas “betrayed” Him.

Matthew 26:14-16 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

5. Peter “denied” Him.

Matthew 26:69-75

A. When put on the spot, do we defend our Lord or do as Peter did and claim “I do not know the man.”

6. Pilate tried to be “neutral.”

Matthew 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

- A. **We cannot be neutral where Jesus is concerned. His blood was shed for us - its up to us to decide what we will do with that shed blood.**

7. Saul of Tarsus “persecuted” Him.

Acts 9:1-2 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 26:10-11 "This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. "And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

- A. **Some Christians even turn against their own. When this happens we also are just as guilty as Saul in the persecution of our Lord.**
 - 1) **We see that some received Jesus, but many denied Him. They denied His virgin birth, resurrection, and even His deity!**

8. The question is still before us. **“What Shall I Do With Jesus?”**

- A. **Not what the person next to me will do, but what will I do!**

Some Day the Question Will Be Reversed

1. **Jesus stands before us this very hour and we must decide what to do with Him while we have our opportunity that He has given us in this life.**

Revelation 3:19-21 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

2. **But there will come a day when we will stand before almighty God, Jesus Himself, and HE will decide what to do with us!**

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Matthew 10:32-33 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Conclusion

1. **What will you do with Jesus this morning?**
2. **The apostle Paul's statement is a statement worth listening to as he said:**

2 Corinthians 5:11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, **we persuade men**; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in **your consciences**.

3. **May you be persuaded this very hour to:**
 - A. **Believe, Repent, Confess, and be Baptized.**
 - B. **Repent, Confess, and Pray**

