

What will we do with
Jesus?

Release Jesus, or put Him to
death?

Jesus on trial

What is our verdict?

John 18:28-40

28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the praetorium. And it was early. And they did not go into the praetorium, that they should not be defiled, and that they might eat the Passover.

29 Then Pilate went out to them and said, What charge do you bring against this man?

30 They answered and said to him, If he were not an evildoer, then we would not have delivered him up to you.

31 Then Pilate said to them, You take him and judge him according to your Law. Then the Jews said to him, It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death

28 Ils conduisirent Jésus de chez Caïphe au prétoire: c'était le matin. Ils n'entrèrent point eux-mêmes dans le prétoire, afin de ne pas se souiller, et de pouvoir manger la Pâque.

29 Pilate sortit donc pour aller à eux, et il dit: Quelle accusation portez-vous contre cet homme?

30 Ils lui répondirent: Si ce n'était pas un malfaiteur, nous ne te l'aurions pas livré.

31 Sur quoi Pilate leur dit: Prenez-le vous-mêmes, et jugez-le selon votre loi. Les Juifs lui dirent: Il ne nous est pas permis de mettre personne à mort.

- 32 (that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke signifying what death He was about to die).
- 33 Then Pilate entered into the praetorium again and called Jesus and said to him, Are you the king of the Jews?
- 34 Jesus answered him, Do you say this thing of yourself, or did others say it to you about Me?
- 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you to me. What have you done?
- 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would fight so that I might not be delivered to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not from here.

- 32 C'était afin que s'accomplît la parole que Jésus avait dite, lorsqu'il indiqua de quelle mort il devait mourir.
- 33 Pilate rentra dans le prétoire, appela Jésus, et lui dit: Es-tu le roi des Juifs?
- 34 Jésus répondit: Est-ce de toi-même que tu dis cela, ou d'autres te l'ont-ils dit de moi?
- 35 Pilate répondit: Moi, suis-je Juif? Ta nation et les principaux sacrificateurs t'ont livré à moi: qu'as-tu fait?
- 36 Mon royaume n'est pas de ce monde, répondit Jésus. Si mon royaume était de ce monde, mes serviteurs auraient combattu pour moi afin que je ne fusse pas livré aux Juifs; mais maintenant mon royaume n'est point d'ici-bas.

37 Pilate then said to Him, Are you a king then? Jesus answered, You say it that I am a king. To this end I was born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

38 Pilate said to Him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, I find no fault in him.

39 But you have a custom that I should release one to you at the Passover. Then do you desire that I release to you the king of the Jews?

40 Then they all cried again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas! But Barabbas was a robber.

37 Pilate lui dit: Tu es donc roi? Jésus répondit: Tu le dis, je suis roi. Je suis né et je suis venu dans le monde pour rendre témoignage à la vérité. Quiconque est de la vérité écoute ma voix.

38 Pilate lui dit: Qu'est-ce que la vérité? Après avoir dit cela, il sortit de nouveau pour aller vers les Juifs, et il leur dit: Je ne trouve aucun crime en lui.

39 Mais, comme c'est parmi vous une coutume que je vous relâche quelqu'un à la fête de Pâque, voulez-vous que je vous relâche le roi des Juifs?

40 Alors de nouveau tous s'écrièrent: Non pas lui, mais Barabbas. Or, Barabbas était un brigand.

Pilate's dialogue with the Jews

What do
others say
about Jesus?

What charge
do you bring
against this
man?

- Many times, we like to find out from others about Jesus
- We want to hear what others have to say about Him
- We even like to hear an accusation, or find a hole in the Christian faith

They answered and said to him, If he were not an evildoer, then we would not have delivered him up to you.

- The accusation came back to Pilate
- Delivered Him up to you
- Pilate had to judge
- So do we

Then Pilate said to
them, You take him and
judge him according to
your Law.

- Pilate tries to divert the responsibility back to the Jews
- You take Him and judge Him
- We often are not willing to take a stand for Jesus
- We prefer to be neutral
- We will wait and see

Then the Jews said to
him, It is not lawful for
us to put anyone to
death

- The responsibility again comes back to Pilate
- No one wants to take responsibility for the outcome of Jesus
- Neutrality is often the best position

Pilate's dialogue with Jesus

- Are You the king of the Jews?

- What have you done?

Jesus answered
him, Do **you say**
this thing of
yourself, or did
others say it to
you about Me?

What do I say about Jesus?

- I may say many things about Jesus, according to what I have heard
- I may even know what He has done
- What do I say myself about Jesus?
- Have I heard Him?
- Has He spoken to me?
- Have I had a face to face touch with Jesus?

- Jesus answered, **My kingdom** is not of this world. If **My kingdom** were of this world, then My servants would fight so that I might not be delivered to the Jews. But now **My kingdom** is not from here.

Not the actions of a king, but the person of a king

- We often focus on actions
- We want to know what Jesus will do for us
- Jesus always bring us to His kingdom
- He is not a king in an outward way, with outward power
- But a king with a kingly nature and a kingly life with a kingdom

- Pilate then said to Him, Are you a king then?
- Jesus answered, **You say** it that I am a king.

Now Pilate's second question is based on Jesus' answer, Jesus' speaking

Do I say that
Jesus is a
king in my
life?

To this end I was
born, and for this
cause I came into
the world, that I
should bear witness
to the truth.

**What is
truth?**

- There is only one person who is true: Jesus
- There is only one life that is true: the life of Jesus
- There is only one life that we can live that is true: a life with Jesus and for Jesus
- Any other life, goal or aim is a lie
- No matter how good it may seem

- The truth demands a response
- Before the truth, we cannot be neutral
- The truth requires that we personally hear the voice of Jesus

Everyone
who is of the
truth **hears**
My voice.

To ask
whether to
release Jesus
or to release
Barabbas

Not a firm
decision, but a
weak and
cowardly
proposal

**What is my
decision?**

There are only
two choices:
release Jesus,
or put Him to
death

Who put Jesus
to death? The
Jews? Pilate?
The high priest?

I put Jesus to
death

To remain neutral
is to put Jesus to
death, just like
Pilate did

Put Jesus to death	Release Jesus
Issues with Jesus	Issues with Jesus
No interest in Jesus	No interest in Jesus
Neutral (interested, but not willing to commit)	Neutral (interested, but not willing to commit)
Convinced that Jesus is righteous, but still asking for others' opinion	Convinced that Jesus is righteous, and taking a stand without others' opinion
Seeking answers, but not willing to hear the voice of Jesus	Hearing the voice of Jesus directly
Not willing to release Jesus, keeping Him in the prison of our existence	Willing to release Jesus in every situation so He can be the king in our life