

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?

Matt 27:19-25

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Asked by a man who knew the truth about Jesus
- B. Tried to rid himself of responsibility by staying neutral
- C. A universal question - everyone learning about Christ must answer it
- E. Consider some things involved in related to this question

DISCUSSION:

I. SOME THINGS INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION

- A. One that no responsible person can ignore
 - 1. Not with Christ - against him Matt 12:30
 - 2. Pilate knew and could not ignore Christ's innocence
- B. Consider: Jesus is God's spokesman
 - 1. Spoken to us by his son Heb 1:1,2
 - 2. Mediator between God and man 1Tim 2:5
 - 3. The Saviour of mankind Matt 1:21
 - 4. Our perfect example 1Pet 2:21
- C. Answer to this question determines home of the soul
 - 1. If we reject Word we will be judged by it Jhn 12:48
 - 2. One must accept and obey Christ Jhn 3:16-18

II. WHAT SOME PEOPLE DID WITH JESUS

- A. Sadducees and Pharisees tried to ensnare him in his speech Matt 22:23-46
 - 1. Sadducees taught no resurrection and tried to make Jesus uphold their position Matt 22:23-30
 - 2. Pharisees ask about the greatest commandment Matt 22:34-40
- B. Pilate tried to be neutral
 - 1. Did not succeed Matt 27:24
 - 2. There is no middle ground Matt 12:30; Rev 3:15,16
- C. His own received him not Jhn 1:11
 - 1. Not much difference today
 - 2. Members of church won't accept his authority
- D. Peter, a chosen apostle, denied Jesus
 - 1. Weak in the face of opposition Matt 26:69-75
 - 2. Yet later preached the gospel Acts 2:31-36
- E. Paul persecuted Jesus
 - 1. Threatenings and slaughter Acts 9:1,2
 - 2. Later magnified Jesus Phil 1:20

III. SOME DAY THIS QUESTION WILL BE REVERSED

- A. Now have the right to decide what we will do with Jesus
 - 1. We can open the door and allow him to come into our lives Rev 3:20
 - 2. Do like Joshua - choose whom we serve Josh 24:15
 - 3. We must make the right choice

- B. One day Jesus will decide what to do with us based on what we have done with him here Matt 25:31-46

- 1. All stand before judgment seat of Christ 2Cor 5:10
- 2. Be judged by word spoken by Jesus Jhn 12:48

CONCLUSION:

A. WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS TODAY?

- 1. You may try to be neutral - just do nothing
 - a. Remember if you are not for him you are against him Matt 12:30
 - b. Therefore, those will be lost eternally
- 2. If you just reject him you will be lost Jhn 12:48
- 3. To be saved you must accept him on his terms and serve him faithfully Jhn 8:24; 1Cor 15:58

B. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH JESUS

- 1. Are you continuing to obey him? Rom 6:16-18
- 2. Have you forsaken him; you can come back to him Acts 8:22

C. Will you accept and obey Jesus now?