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PILATE BEFORE JESUS

Mark 15:1-20

Today is Palm Sunday, the day that commemorates when Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a donkey as the crowds cried out, "*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord*". Less than a week later the same crowds would be shouting out, "*Crucify Him!*" As it turns out, a lot can change in a week.

As we come to Mark 15 today, we find Jesus being brought to Pilate. Some headings say "Jesus before Pilate" but that misses the mark to what is actually going on. A better title over today's passage would be, "Pilate before Jesus". As it turns out, Pilate actually has no authority over Jesus.

TWO CORE TRUTHS:

1. *Through Pilate: No earthly power can determine the destiny of Jesus, but every soul's destiny is determined by what he or she does with Jesus.*
2. *Through Barabbas: Jesus takes the place on the cross that was intended for the guilty sinner.*

**WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?
WHO DO YOU SAY HE IS?**

Study Guide

Reflect + Discuss + Apply

1. Who are the key people that interact with Jesus in this passage? How does each person (or group of people) respond to him?
2. How is the charge of Jesus claiming to be the “King of the Jews” designed to cast Jesus as a threat to Pilate?
3. Why doesn’t Jesus answer the false charges against him? Why do you think Pilate is amazed by this?
4. What indications are there that Pilate is sympathetic to Jesus? Do you think Pilate was a victim here, or is he just as responsible as the Jewish leaders for Jesus’ death?
5. Pilate suspects the Jewish leaders brought Jesus to him because they were envious of him. So why does Pilate give Jesus over to be scourged and crucified? Finding no fault in Jesus, why didn’t Pilate take a stand against them?
6. How is “wanting to satisfy the crowd” a temptation in your life?

Reflection:

What will you do with Jesus? Who do you say He is?

Romans 10:9-13:

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”