

## PILATE AND ME – MATT. 27; MARK 15; LUKE 22,23; JOHN 18,19

### I. PILATE HAD PRIVILEGES - so do we

A. He had heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ - John 18:33-38

B. He had heard the voice of his conscience - John 18:38 - "I find no basis for a charge against Him..." "I find no guilt in Him."

C. He had heard the voice of \_\_\_\_\_ - Matt. 27:18 - "he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to them..."

D. He had heard the voice of his \_\_\_\_\_ - Matt. 27:19 - "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of Him."

### II. THERE WERE SOME PRESSURES ON PILATE - and there are on us, also...

A. The pressure of public opinion - Mark 15:15 - "wanting to satisfy the crowd..."

B. His own pride and \_\_\_\_\_ - John 19:9,10 - "Don't you realize, Jesus, that I am a powerful man?"

John 19:12 "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a King opposes Caesar." We can do the right thing when it doesn't cost us anything - but when it might cost us something personally – then we back down.

But before Pilate gives in to the pressure,

### III. PILATE TRIED SOME COMMON PLOYS TO DEAL WITH JESUS

A. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the issue John 18:31 - "Take him yourselves....."

B. He tried to shift the decision - Luke 23:7 - "When (Pilate) learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod...."

C. He tried to simply \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus - Luke 23:14-15 - "He has done nothing to deserve death"

D. He tried a \_\_\_\_\_ - John 18:39 - he tried to release Jesus and crucify Barabbas

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS? Only 2 choices.....crown Him or crucify Him....

