

## WHO IMPACTS OUR CHOICES? ~ JOHN 18:28-38

→ Scripture Reading - John 14:1-5

### INTRODUCTION

"...Lord help me not to be a milepost on the side of the road; but make me a fork, that men **MUST** turn **ONE WAY** or **ANOTHER** after seeing Christ **IN** me." ~ Jim Elliot

### FROM ARREST TO CONVICTION (Life App. Bible Notes)

1. **Agony & Prayer in the garden** (Mt 26:36-46)
2. **Betrayal & Arrested** (Mk 14:43-52, Lk 22:47-53)
3. **Questioned by Annas** (Jn 18:12-24)
4. **Questioned by Caiaphas** (Mt 26:57-68, Mk 14:53-65)
5. **Denials by Peter (during questioning)** (Lk 22:54-65)
6. **Sanhedrin (Religious Council) Condemns Jesus** (Mk 15:1)
7. **Judas kills himself** (Mt 27:3-10)
8. **Trial before Pilate** (Mt 27:11-14, Mk 15:2-5, Lk 23:1-5)
9. **Questioned by Herod** (Lk 23:6-12)
10. **Jesus Sentenced to Die** (Lk 23:13-25, Jn 18:39-19:16)

### TRIAL BEFORE CAIAPHAS & SANHEDRIN ~ Matthew 26:57-68, 27:1-2

Matthew 26:57-68 Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. [58] But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. [59] The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. [60] But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward [61] and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" [62] Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" [63] But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." [64] "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." [65] Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. [66] What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered. [67] Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him [68] and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?" [27:1] Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. [2] They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

### APPLICATION

**Joshua 24:14-15** "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. [15] But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then **CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE**, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, **WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.**"

→ God has always Given us a Choice...

...He knows that Love and Devotion are only REAL ...if Choice is involved

### JESUS AND PILATE ~ John 18:28-38

[28] Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. [29] So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" [30] "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." [31] Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. [32] This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

**A ROMAN EXECUTION WAS NECESSARY...** (Bib Know Com)

- to Fulfill Prophecy
- for Jews & Gentiles to both be involved
- for a Crucifixion

[33] Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" [34] "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" [35] "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

### **ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST JESUS ~ Luke 23:2** (Life App. Com.)

- subverting the nation
- opposes paying taxes to Caesar
- claiming to be Christ a King

[36] Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." [37] "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." [38] "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

## **APPLICATION**

### **PILATE CYNICALLY TURNS AWAY...**

- he knew the TRUTH
- he Sought the Easy way out
- he Condemned an innocent man

**John 14:1-6** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going." [5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" [6] **Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

## **TAKE AWAY ??**

"Thank God And the Greyhound She's Gone "  
"I've Got The Hungries For Your Love and I'm Waiting In Your Welfare Line"  
"I Got Tears In My Ears While Lying On My Back Thinking About You"

**CHOICES...** I've had choices since the day I was born  
There were voices that told me right from wrong  
If I had listened no I wouldn't be here today  
**Now I'm Living and dying with the Choices I made**

➔**How is my Relationship with Jesus Impacting ALL my OTHER Choices in Life?**

➔**My Relationship with Jesus Should IMPACT ALL my Choices**