1 - **What Shall I Do With Jesus?**

Matthew 27:17-26

2 - **Pilate’s Dilemma**

* **Believes Jesus to be innocent.** (John 18:38; Luke 23:14-15; Matthew 27:19; John 19:1-4)
* **Despises the Jews** (Matthew 27:18)
* **Doesn’t want trouble from the Romans**. (John 18:12)
* **What he wanted to do.** (Luke 23:16-19)
* **What would he do?** (Matthew 27:24)

3 - **What Will We Do With Jesus?**

* Easy for us to say **“I would have been faithful to Him”;** or **“I would have made sure He was set free.”**
* **Easy to say In hindsight!**
* **A choice we keep on making…**

4 - **Take No Stand For Or Against the Lord**

* **He knew the right thing to do…** (James 4:17)
* **Call to definitively take a stand.** (Revelation 3:15-17; Joshua 24:14-15; 1 Kings 18:21; Matthew 12:30)
* **Just “hearing” Him & being in His “presence” is not standing w/ Him.** (Luke 13:26)
* **Need to count the cost.** (Luke 14:28-33)

5 - **Betray the Lord For Material Gain**

* **Judas betrayed the Lord for the silver.**
* **Judas valued money and the things it bought above his relationship with Jesus.** (John 12:4-6)
* Was the **rich young ruler any different**? (Luke 18:18ff)
* **Will we trade our “birthright” for temporal gain?** (Hebrews 12:16-17)

6 - **Deny the Lord Due to a Lack of Courage**

* **Being ashamed of who we serve.** (Matthew 10:32-33; 2 Timothy 1:7-12)
* **By our deeds - being “worthless” regarding what is good.** (Titus 1:16; 1 John 2:4)
* **The problem of peer pressure.** (Galatians 2:11-14; Exodus 23:2)
* **Begins by distancing ourselves.** (Luke 22:54)

7 - **Reject the Lord & Call For His Crucifixion**

* **Ignore the evidence.** (John 12:37-38)
* **Don’t want anyone reigning over them.** (Luke 19:14, 27; Matthew 21:37-41)
* **Thinking we will accept responsibility.** (Matthew 27:25; Acts 5:28)
* **We can crucify the Lord anew.** (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:24-31)

8 - **Paid No Attention to the Lord**

* **All are invited but many were just too busy and didn’t pay attention.** (Matthew 22:5; Hebrews 2:1)
* **Distracted by the cares of this world**. (Luke 10:38-42)
* **Overcome by worry and anxiety.** (Matthew 6:25-34)

9 - **Postponed the Lord**

* **Plans to obey and serve the Lord in the future when it’s more convenient.**(Acts 24:24-25)
* **Don’t see the urgency.** (2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 3:7-8; Acts 22:16; Psalms 119:60)
* **The door will close. God’s patience will end**. (Matthew 25:8-10; 1 Peter 3:20-21)

10 - **Fully Persuaded To Follow The Lord**

* **God’s word has pierced our hearts and we realize our undone condition.** (Acts 2:36-42)
* **Added to the body of Christ as a working member submitting to the Head.**(Ephesians 4:11-16)
* **Living each day for He who died for us.** (1 Peter 4:1-3; Romans 12:1-2)