

## WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

### Matthew 27:17-24

**Introduction:** The most important question that any person can consider is the question of "what shall I do about/with Jesus?" Doing the right thing with Jesus brings reconciliation with God, the Father, the indwelling of God's presence, the Holy Spirit, eternal life, a place in heaven, and countless other blessings. If one chooses the wrong thing (reject, deny, nothing) then everything that is worth having is lost. Pilate asked the Jewish leaders what should he do with Jesus and they and the crowd shouted out "Crucify Him, Crucify Him."

### I. "WHAT" DEPENDS UPON WHAT ONE DOES WITH JESUS?

1. Being accepted or rejected before God depends upon what one does with Jesus Christ.
  - ***"...He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God..." (John 3:18)***
  - The person who accepts Jesus Christ, God will accept that person and if a person rejects Jesus Christ, then God rejects that person.
  - Being accepted by God does not depend upon how one lives his/her life, upon one's character, or upon any religious ceremonies one may have performed, but solely upon what one does with Jesus Christ.
2. Becoming a child of God depends entirely, solely upon what one does with Jesus Christ.
  - ***"...To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those that believed in His name..."***
  - Not by doing good, not by living purely, not by reading the Bible, not by praying, but by ***"receiving Him"*** one becomes a child of God.
3. Having peace with God depends entirely, solely upon what one does with Jesus Christ.
  - ***"...Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Romans 5:1)***
  - The only sure and lasting peace with God is through Jesus Christ.
4. Having joy depends upon what one does with Jesus Christ.
  - ***"...In whom believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory..." (1 Peter 1:8)***
  - True joy does not depend upon one's circumstances, but simply upon one's faith in Jesus Christ.
5. Having eternal life depends upon what one does with Jesus Christ.
  - ***"...He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life..." (John 3:36)***
  - It is not upon one's struggles, or victories over sin, or upon prayers that eternal life comes, it is only upon one believing in Jesus Christ.

## II. WHAT ONE MUST DO WITH JESUS CHRIST

1. Pilate had to make a decision as to what to do with Jesus and he tried to get someone else to make the decision, but he had to make the decision.
2. Every person must either accept Jesus Christ or reject Him.
  - Not accepting Jesus Christ automatically rejects Him.
3. Every person must either let Jesus Christ into his/her heart or shut Him out.
4. Every person must either confess Jesus Christ or deny Him.
  - *"...Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven..." (Matthew 10:32)*
  - *"...But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven..." (Matthew 10:33)*

## III. CONSIDER WHO JESUS IS THAT A DECISION MUST BE MADE ABOUT WHAT TO DO

1. Jesus Christ is the divinely appointed and divinely anointed king.
  - *Acts 2:36*
2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
  - Believe it or not but disbelief does not change things. Jesus Christ is proven to be the Son of God by at least five divine testimonies:
    - The divine life He lived.
    - The divine words He spoke.
    - The divine works He did.
    - The divine influence upon the whole history of man.
    - The divine resurrection from the dead.
  - He is the Son of God.
    - Reject Him, and one is rejecting the Son of God.
    - Shut Him out, is shutting out the Son of God.
    - Denying Him, is denying the Son of God.
    - Stand against Him, is standing against the Son of God.
    - To do any of these things is to damn one's soul, no matter how upright, rejecting Jesus Christ is rejecting God's Son.
3. Jesus Christ is Savior.
  - *Isaiah 53:5-6*
  - Rejecting Jesus Christ is rejecting the One who *"...was wounded for "our" transgressions..."*

## CONCLUSION:

1. So, what will YOU do with Jesus? You have to do something.
2. Not accepting Him is rejecting Him. Think about WHO Jesus Christ is.
3. Your eternal destination depends upon what you do with Jesus Christ.

