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IN NOMINE JESU

St. Matthew 27: 22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do, then, with Jesus, which is called Christ?

THE INEVITABLE QUESTION

There are questions that come to us for which we can offer no intelligent reply. There are other questions which we may properly refuse to answer. And there are still other questions to which we may respond without stating a decisive yes or no. But there is one inevitable question which all of us must sooner or later answer. It is the question directed by Pilate to the people: What shall I do, then, with Jesus, which is called Christ? This is the inevitable question.

What will you do with Jesus? You must take your stand either for Him or against Him! It is either all or nothing at all. Either Christ lived, or He did not live. Either He died for our sins, or He did not. Either He arose from the dead, or He did not. Either He is the Son of God and our Savior, or He is not. Either you accept Him to your eternal salvation, or you reject Him to your damnation. Either you acknowledge your sinfulness and ask for His forgiveness, or you refuse to acknowledge His sacrifice for you and reject His forgiveness. Either you are an unreconciled enemy, or a reconciled friend. Either you take the hand of God's friendship offered in Christ, or you push it aside. There is no easier way. You can't just be nice to Christ, hoping to remain neutral. Either you are for Him or against Him. Either you believe, or you do not believe.

What will you do with Jesus which is called Christ? I invite you, of course, to believe in Him. He is your Redeemer. You belong to Him by right of purchase. He did die for you — Believing in Christ, owning Him as your Savior, will make of you a whole new person and give you a whole new life.

Pilate answered by ordering Jesus' death, Peter by disavowing his Lord, the disciples by running away. What will you do? Will you receive Him as your Lord and Redeemer?

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St. John 18: 35 What hast Thou done?

WHAT LAW HAST THOU BROKEN?

There is probably no precedent in criminal procedure for Pilate's question to Jesus, What hast Thou done? What judge today presiding at a capital trial would find it necessary to take his prisoner aside and ask: What have you done? ~~xxxxxxxx~~ But at Christ's trial all customary procedure was cast aside. The enemies of Christ had utterly failed in pressing a true charge against Him. Christ's innocence became increasingly apparent. Three times Pilate declared, I find no fault in Him. And his question, What hast Thou done? is a query that betrays bewiderment, doubt, and hesitation.

But to us the question, What hast Thou done? becomes an exclamation of exultant faith. We know what Christ has done. He was wounded for our transgressions He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was on Him; and with His stripes we are healed.... The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all.... God made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin..... He made His soul an offering for sin. What has Christ done? He was rejected by God as the Substitute for sinful man. All the tortures that were due to us were heaped upon Him. Christ gave His live for us. He died for our sins. And He rose again from the dead that we who have accepted Him as our Savior might never die. He lives as our Great Redeemer — forever!

This, then, is our grateful answer to Pilate's question, What hast Thou done?: Thou, O Christ, hast purchased and won us from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with Thy holy, precious blood and with Thine innocent suffering and death, that we might be Thine own and live under Thee in Thy kingdom and serve Thee in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness.