

**One: PILATE'S HEART AND JESUS' HEART**

**I. PILATE**

A. Overview of his life and character

B. Judging Jesus

Appeared determined to administrate justice

Becomes more convinced of Jesus' innocence and is aware He is only there because of the envy of the Jewish leaders (Matt 27:18)

But when his career and personal safety are at risk, he abandons his principles

He wants desperately to be *neutral*, but he cannot

**Protect himself**

**II. JESUS**

See His concern for Pilate, even when His life is at stake!

Again and again He seeks to reach his heart

- Is that your idea? (Jn 18:34)
- King, not of this world (Jn 18:36)
- Testify to Truth (Jn 18:37)
- His nondefensive quiet majesty
- Your power is only from above

What love! Courageous and caring beyond our understanding

**Sacrifice Himself**

So what

1. You cannot be neutral about Jesus. You are either His disciple—or His enemy
  
2. We are compromisers. Repent of ways you have compromised.  
Jesus died for compromisers, like Pilate—or Peter  
Seek to stand for Him w/o compromise because you love Him.  
Is there a past compromise you need to make right?
  
3. See the heart of Jesus.  
Paul Miller Q: where did I see Jesus today?

He seeks you

- a) to abandon yourself to Him for forgiveness and new Life
  
- b) to show you His Truth and sufficiency in your current pressures