

Rejected of Men

- How much have you allowed the lost world to affect what you think of Jesus, God, the Bible, Heaven, and Hell?
- How much do you allow the religious world to affect what you think?
- How disciplined and dedicated am I to getting the Word of God into me and also into my family
- Do you realize that religion always wants you to do something?
- Do you realize that religion wants to control you and instead of pushing you to grace it will push you to conformity
- One of the world's favorite sayings is that your faith is a personal thing, they have little or no respect for your faith. Your faith isn't just personal it is yours to share and preach!
- Remember lost people choose sin and sinners over Jesus

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which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And **Simon Peter followed Jesus**, and *so did another disciple*: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. **16 But Peter stood at the door without.** Then went out that **other disciple**, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. **17** Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, **I am not.** **18** And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19 The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. **20** Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and **in secret have I said nothing.** **21** Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. **22** And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? **23** Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil,

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25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, **I am not.** 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? 27 Peter then **denied again:** and immediately the cock crew.

28 Then led they Jesus **from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment:** and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. 29 **Pilate** then went out unto them, and said, **What accusation bring ye against this man?** 30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, **It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:** 32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, **Art thou the King of the Jews?** 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: **what hast thou done?** 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault at all.** 39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

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- a. Caiaphas thought it would be a good deal for one to die and stop the movement against his religion 14 **Now Caiaphas** was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.
- b. Jesus answers the high priest that He has been very open in what He has taught and preached 20 **Jesus answered** him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always

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- c. Jesus is unashamed of His answers even though the high priest is offended **22** And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? **23** Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?
- d. Jesus is shuffled from judge to judge **24** Now

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e. Their desire was that Jesus would die and they couldn't bring that kind of judgment 29 **Pilate** then went out unto them, and said, **What accusation bring ye against this man?** 30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a **malefactor**, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law.

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- i. We aren't in this group. We don't want to kill Him but there are some questions that I might suggest
1. Do you love Him enough to serve Him
 2. Do you just stand by and watch how the world treats him

3. Do you deny Him instead of risking your reputation
4. How much do you love Him
5. How loyal are you to Him

2. Pilate judges Him, finds no fault and also rejects Him **33**

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- b. Pilate thinks of Jesus as having a religion just for the Jews that doesn't affect Him **35** Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: **what hast thou done?**
- c. Jesus tells Pilate that He is not trying to set up an earthly kingdom **36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.
- d. Pilate hears and rejects truth though he decides not to prosecute, finding no fault in Him at all **37** Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. **38** Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

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3. The same world that welcomed Him on Palm Sunday now chooses a thief and criminal over Jesus, rejecting Jesus **39**
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 - a. The crowd was easily affected by the religious leaders
 - b. They quickly saw Jesus as a problem
 - c. They had followed Him by the thousands but when they didn't get what they wanted they turned on Jesus
 - d. Jesus is never loved unless it is to get something from Him
 - e. He had called people to follow Him, take up a cross, and die, Jesus might be interesting if He weren't so demanding

4. How do I apply this to my life
 - a. I need to realize that there are many that claim to be saved that are not

- b. I need to realize that I may not be prepared for the crisis coming in my life and begin to get prepared
 - i. What happens if there is an unexpected death in the family or we hear the word Cancer
 - ii. What happens if we get word that we are going to die
 - iii. What happens if we are put in a bind by our friends and other lost people. Will we be able to stand firm
 - iv. How much do I fill my mind with the Word of God and learn His way of thinking
 - v. Am I asking for grace to be prepared to give Him glory no matter what happens to me, financial problems, temptation, death, etc
- c. I need to understand that religion never accepts Jesus, grace, forgiveness, etc
- d. The world like Pilate sees faith as a personal thing that they have little or no respect for
- e. The lost will choose other sinners over Jesus