

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?
(Matthew 27:11-26)

- I. The SANHEDRIN Wanted a CONVICTION (Matthew 27:2, 11-12)
 - A. INDICTED before Pilate (27:2, 11a; cf. Luke 23:2)
 1. They accused Him of SUBVERTING the nation
 2. They accused Him of opposing the PAYMENT of TAXES to Caesar
 3. They accused of claiming to be CHRIST, a KING
 - B. INTERVIEWED/INTERROGATED by Pilate (27:11b-15)
 1. Pilate asked Jesus, “Are YOU the KING of the Jews?”
 2. Jesus answered, “YOU said it”
 3. Pilate asked if He would RESPOND to the OTHER charges
 4. Jesus remained SILENT
 5. Pilate was IMPRESSED by Jesus’ SILENCE
- II. The GOVERNOR Recommended CLEMENCY (Matt. 27:15-23)
 - A. The CUSTOM (27:15)
 1. He annually PARDONED one PRISONER

2. He allowed the PEOPLE to CHOOSE which one
- B. The CRIMINAL (27:16)
1. He was named BARABBAS
 2. He was charged with leading an INSURRECTION
- C. The CHOICE (27:17-18)
1. Pilate offered to release “the KING of the JEWS”
 2. He knew Jesus had been ACCUSED out of ENVY
- D. The CAUTION (27:19)
1. Pilate’s WIFE warned him to AVOID involvement
 2. She AFFIRMED Jesus’ INNOCENCE
- E. The CONDEMNATION (27:20-23)
1. The chief priests and elders convinced the CROWD to demand BARABBAS
 2. Pilate asked what they DESIRED for JESUS
 3. The crowd DEMANDED Jesus be CRUCIFIED
 4. Pilate asked for what CRIME He should be EXECUTED
 5. The crowd’s DEMAND became FRENZIED
 6. Jesus was CONDEMNED to PACIFY the crowd