QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you had to make an important decision. What steps did you take to make the decision? Looking back, did you make the right decision?

2. What factors make decision-making difficult?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about making decisions:

   a) Psalm 25:12
   b) Proverbs 3:5-6
   c) Proverbs 11:14
   d) Isaiah 30:21
   e) Jeremiah 33:3
   f) Philippians 4:6-7
   g) James 1:5

4. What external factors influenced the decision of Pilate?

5. What one practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your choice with someone.*)
   - ☐ I am going to make important decisions this week based on Scripture, not the opinion of others.
   - ☐ I am going to invite a friend to listen to this message.
   - ☐ I am going to memorize Proverbs 3:5-6.

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Matthew 27:11-26

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Study Series # 112

What Shall I Do with Jesus?

I. Introduction

A. A Painful Decision

B. Life is Filled with Choices

C. The Decision of Pilate

(See Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:1-2; Luke 23:2; John 10:33; John 18:31; John 18:29-31)

II. Jesus Before Pilate

A. Jesus is Questioned by Pilate

(See Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3; John 18:33; Luke 23:2-5; Matthew 4:17; Matthew 5:41; Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; John 18:36; Isaiah 53:7)

B. Pilate Offers to Release Jesus

(See Matthew 27:15-18; John 18:40; Luke 23:19; Mark 15:11; John 8:38; John 8:34; Matthew 27:17; Matthew 27:22)

C. Pilate is Warned by His Wife

(See Matthew 27:19)

D. The Multitudes Demand Crucifixion

(See Matthew 27:20-23; Mark 15:9-13; Luke 23:18-23; John 18:38-40)

E. Pilate Declares His Innocence

(See Matthew 27:24; Deuteronomy 21:1-9; Matthew 27:25; II Samuel 1:16; 3:28; Acts 5:28)

F. Pilate has Jesus Scourged

(See Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:25; John 19:1; Luke 23:16; Isaiah 53:5)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

Passage of Study
Matthew 27:11-26

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "*It is as* you say." **12** And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer. **13** Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" **14** And He did not answer him with regard to even a *single* charge, so the governor was quite amazed.
15 Now at *the* feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people *any* one prisoner whom they wanted. **16** At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. **17** So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" **18** For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over.
19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him *a message*, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him." **20** But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death. **21** But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." **22** Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him!" **23** And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!"
24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see *to that* yourselves." **25** And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" **26** Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

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