

WHO IS THIS MAN?

## **PILATE AND THE KING OF THE JEWS**

Mark 15:1-15      Jeff Schreve

*And early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away, and delivered Him up to Pilate. Mark 15:1*

**What are the lessons we can learn from Pontius Pilate?**

**1. Do not reject the voice of warning.**

*"Have nothing to do with that righteous man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him." Matthew 27:19*

**2. Do not reject the voice of reason.**

*For he was aware that the chief priest had delivered Him up because of envy. Mark 15:10*

*"You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him." Luke 23:14*

**3. Do not make decisions based on temporary convenience.**

*And wishing to satisfy the multitude, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he delivered Him to be crucified. Mark 15:15*

*"If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar." When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. John 19:12-13*

**4. Do not fail to take responsibility for your actions.**

*And 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 multitude, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves." Matthew 27:24*

**5. Do not give the wrong answer to the right question.**

*Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" Mark 15:12*

**Will you learn from Pilate or follow in his footsteps?**