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What Shall I Do With Jesus? (Jeff Himmel)

When Jesus was brought before Pilate, the governor found no guilt in him. Hoping to get the problem off his hands, Pilate invoked his Passover custom of releasing a prisoner of the Jews' choosing. He offered them either Jesus or Barabbas, a rebel and murderer.

The people demanded the release of Barabbas. Pilate said, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" We all know the rest of the story.

Ever since, people have had to ask themselves the same question. Jesus' teaching is profound, his claims are astounding, his historical reality is undeniable. So "What shall I do with Jesus?"

Try to be neutral? That's what Pilate did. Seeing that the crowd would riot if Jesus was not executed, Pilate "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).

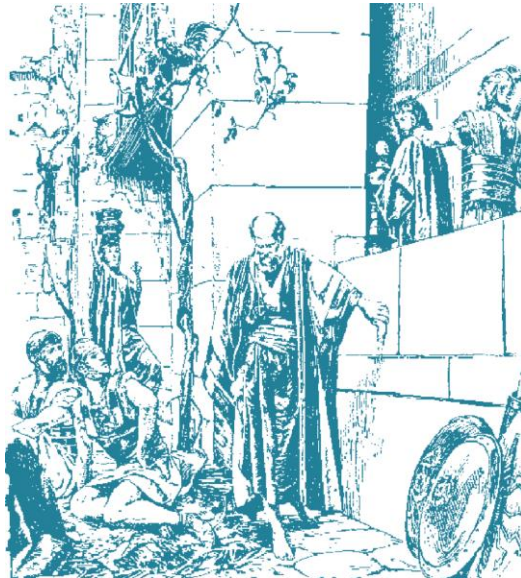
Even today, we speak of "washing our hands" of something, meaning we refuse to have any responsibility in the matter. But

there really is no neutrality when it comes to Jesus. "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters" (Matthew 12:30).

Put him off?
That's what Felix did.

Paul appeared before this governor and spoke about his faith in Christ. "And as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, 'Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you'" (Acts 24:25).

The gospel moved Felix enough to know he must do something, but all he did was procrastinate. Countless people have been lost by responding as he did.





Forsake him? That's what some disciples in Capernaum did. Jesus taught some things which they perceived as very difficult. "As a result of this, many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore" (v. 66). Like them, many today turn away from Jesus because they think his teaching is too demanding.

Deny him? That's what Peter did. As Jesus stood on trial before the high priest Caiaphas, several people noticed Peter sitting in the courtyard and asked if he was one of Jesus' companions. Three times he denied it: "I do not know the man!" (cf. Matthew 26:70,72,74).

Many have followed Peter's example of that night, following Jesus in fair weather, only to turn their backs on him when the going gets tough.

Sell him out? That's what Judas did. For a measly thirty pieces of silver, one of Jesus' own apostles agreed to hand him over to those who sought his life (Matthew 26:14-16). Whatever keeps you from serving Jesus is, in effect, the price for which you're willing to sell

him out. For most people, the price is remarkably low.

Crucify him again? That's what happens when a Christian returns to a life of sin. "For in the case of those who have once been enlightened...and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame" (Hebrews 6:4-6).

Obey him. The apostles preached Christ to the crowd of Jews assembled at Pentecost. "Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins'" (Acts 2:37-38). Three thousand of them did (v. 41).

The question is: What will you do with Jesus?

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

The greatest you can do for another is not just to share with him your riches, but to reveal to him his own.

It Takes No Brains To Be An Atheist (Paul R. Blake)

President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "It takes no brains to be an atheist. Any stupid person can deny the existence of a supernatural power because man's physical senses cannot detect it. But there cannot be ignored the mystery of first life or the marvelous order in which the universe moves about us. All of these evidence the handiwork of a beneficent Deity. For my part, that Deity is the God of the Bible and Christ, His Son."

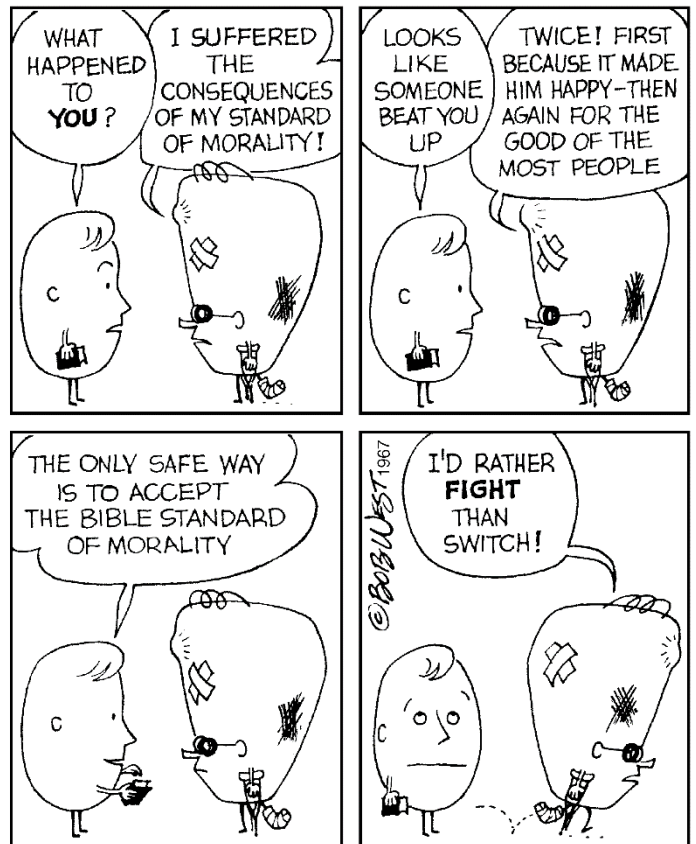
Mahatma Gandhi was once approached by an atheist with the request to organize and promote an anti-God society. Gandhi replied, "It amazes me to find an intelligent person who fights against something which he does not at all believe exists."

A German evangelist entered a restaurant where a man, wishing to embarrass him in the presence of other diners, rose and suddenly called out quite loudly, "*Es gibt keinen Gott*" ("There is no God"). The preacher went to him, calmly laid his hand on his shoulder, and said, "Friend, what you have said is not at all new. The Bible said that more than 3,000 years ago."

The man replied, "I never knew that the Bible made such a statement." The preacher informed

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him, "Psalm 14, verse 1, tells us, "The fool says in his heart, there is no God." But there is a great difference between that fool and you. He was quite shy and said it only in his heart; he didn't go about yelling it out in restaurants like you."

"The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts" (Psalm 10:4).



**TWO WOMEN WILL BE GRINDING AT
THE MILL: ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND
THE OTHER LEFT.
(MATTHEW 24:41)**

The Church In Ephesians **(Ferrell Jenkins)**

The Fulness of Christ
Ephesians 1:15-23

Alive with Christ
Ephesians 2:1-10

The Body of the Reconciled
Ephesians 2:11-18

Made up of Fellow-Citizens
Ephesians 2:19

The Household of God
Ephesians 2:19

A Holy Temple – Habitation of God
Ephesians 2:19-22

Manifestation of God's Wisdom
Ephesians 3:1-13

God's Purpose
Ephesians 3:14-21

The Unity of the Church
Ephesians 4:1-6

The Church Fully Equipped
Ephesians 4:7-16

The Bride of Christ
Ephesians 5:22-23

This is the church of Christ: His fulness, alive with Him, the body of the reconciled, the kingdom, the family, and the temple of God. It is the wisdom of God, and the bride of Christ. Its purpose is to glorify God as it stands on the divine platform of unity, being fully equipped to accomplish the work God foreordained for it. (*The Theme of the Bible, pages 47-51*)



- ✓ When there is a long row to hoe, remember: God is still in charge of the garden.
- ✓ When God looks for value, He assesses what's in the heart, not the bank.
- ✓ God is everywhere, including at your wit's end.

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Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

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