

Who is this man Pilate?

Procurator of Judea for **six** years

He has a **lousy relationship** with the Jews

The New Testament pictures Pilate as a very **weak** man

What does Pilate do?

He tries to be **neutral**

“You can avoid making up your **mind**, but you can't avoid making up your **life**”

He sends Jesus to the **cross**

The archetype fool in the Bible is the one who has no **vision** of life and so **destroys** himself

There simply is no **neutrality** when it comes to Christ because he is the **Lord**

Small Group Discussion Guide:

- 1) Why do you think the four Gospels devote a disproportionately large amount of time to the last few days of Jesus' life?
- 2) Name the two trials that Jesus endured. What were the charges against him at each of these trials? Why did the charges change?
- 3) Why did the Jews need to bring Jesus before the Roman Court?
- 4) What was the bind that Pilate found himself in as Jesus stood before him?
- 5) What stance did he take with regard to Jesus?
- 6) Would you consider Pilate a weak man? Why or why not.

7) Do you agree or disagree with Pastor Dave's characterization of Pilate as a modern man?

8) The Book of Proverbs often speak of the wise and foolish person. In what way might Pilate be considered the archetype fool in the Bible?

9) How do people today try to remain neutral when it comes to Jesus? Discuss the meaning of "You can avoid making up your mind, but you cannot avoid making up your life."

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on "The Life of Christ" message series. Each week's reading's are preparatory for the upcoming message.

Monday - John 8; John 9

Tuesday - John 10; John 11

Wednesday - John 12; John 13

Thursday - John 14

Friday - John 15; John 16

Weekend - Matthew 27



Redeeming Notes

Pastor Dave Glesne.....Who is on Trial Anyway?
November 6, 2005 Luke 22:53

"When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." Luke 22:53

There was a long build up to the **arrest** and **trial** of Jesus

- The ongoing **conflict** with the religious authorities
- Jesus had become **politically dangerous**

Jesus is tried before **two courts**

- Before the **Jewish Court** called the Sanhedrin

The charge was **blasphemy**

They were allowed to pass the **death sentence** but did not have **authority** to carry it out

- Before the **Roman Court**

The Jews now accuse Jesus of **treason**