

THE POWER OF SILENCE

“When Self-Defense is Pointless”

Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:11-14

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The promise of silence

Jesus not only _____ accepted the unrighteous judgment of men
– He accepted the righteous judgment of God so as to make me righteous.

Pontius Pilate’s predicament

How Pilate _____ the situation with Jesus will not only
impact his career – it could cost him his life.

- Foolish act – graven Images (part 1) ...
- Foolish act – confiscated money ...
- Foolish act – grave images (part 2) ...

Silence when self-defense is pointless

The only way they can get Pilate involved is to accuse Jesus of something that is a _____ to Roman security.

Jesus was _____ because there was nothing more to say.

The power of silence

- Silence demonstrates the innocent _____ of Jesus
- Silence forces us to face the _____

What will _____ do with Jesus?

Conclusion

Silence when used cautiously and wisely can speak _____ into the lives of those I love.

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Jesus Taken To Pilate

They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"

"If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

"But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

Pilate Questions Jesus

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him." When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge-to the great amazement of the governor.

Mt.27:2
Mk.15:1b
Lk.23:1, 2
Jn. 18:28-32

Mt.27:11-14
Mk.15:2-5
Lk.23:3, 4
Jn. 18:33-38