



Events Leading Up To Our Text

- ♦ Betrayed & arrested Mat 26:47-56
- Before Annas John 18:12
- Taken to Caiphas & Sanhedrin Mat 26:57-67
- → Taken to Pilate Mat 27:2, 11-14
- Taken to Herod Luke 23:8-11
- Back to Pilate, who sought to release Him . . .

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished.* 16 And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. 17 Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.



¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him." 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 21 The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!"

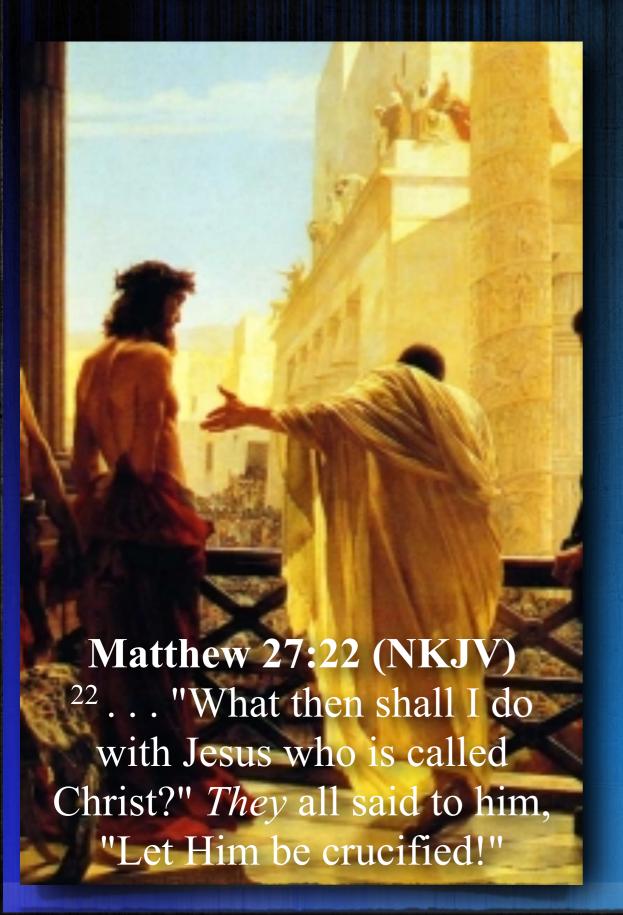


²² Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!" 23 Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"



²⁴ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it." 25 And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children." 26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.





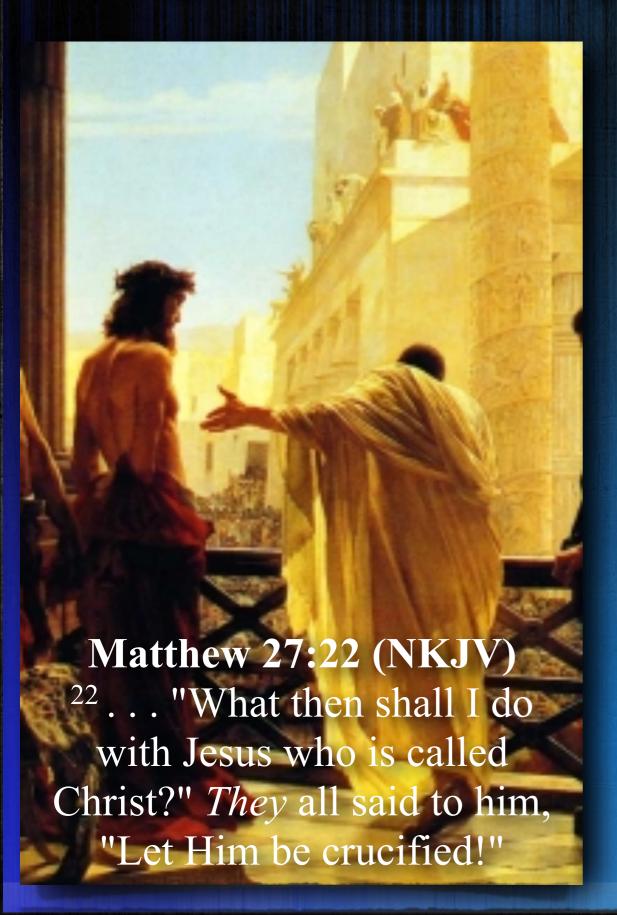
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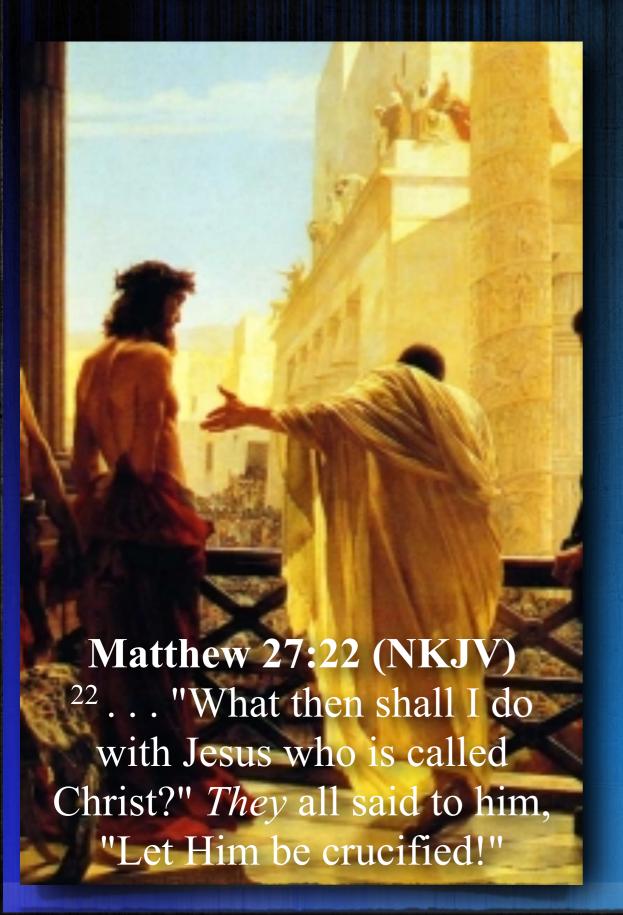


What Has Been Will Be

- There are two answers to the question "Belief" or "Unbelief" Mt 7:13,14
- ◆ People manifested their "unbelief" in a variety of ways in the New Testament!
- People answer the question in the same ways today



- Judas betrayed Him Mat 26:14-16
- Peter denied Him Mat 26:69-75
- The crowd cried "crucify Him" Mat 27:22,23
- → Pilate tried to be neutral Mat 27:23,24
- → Saul persecuted Him Acts 9:1-5
- Felix postponed Him Acts 24:24,25
- Agrippa was almost persuaded Acts 26:28
- Many were & are persuaded Acts 2:36-47



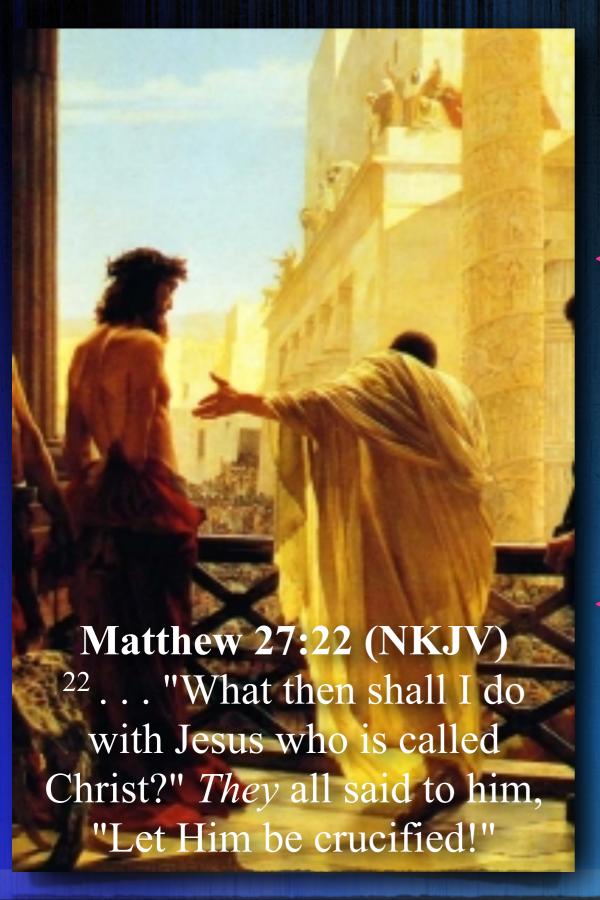
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Will You Believe In Him or Not?

- ♦ Why not obey the gospel today (2 Cor 6:2)
 - * Believe in him John 8:24
 - * Repent of your sins Luke 13:3
 - * Confess Him Rom 10:9-10
 - * Be baptized into Him for the remission of your sins Acts 22:16
 - * Remain faithful to him Rev 2:10



Will You Believe In Him or Not?

- →To refuse to obey Him we:
 - * Betray Him
 - * Deny Him
 - * Cry crucify Him
 - ***** Hurt Him
- ♦ No excuse . . .
 - * Can't be neutral -
 - * Do not put Him off -
 - * Almost persuaded is to be altogether lost



- On the Judgment Day Your Opportunity to Answer the Question Will Be Forever Gone ... (Heb 9:27)
- The Question On That Day Will Be "What Will Jesus Do With YOU!" (John 12:48; 2 Thes 1:7-9)

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