

## Text Messaging Luke 23:1-25

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## Pilate's dilemma

What does it mean if a country is neutral?

Who is trying (unsuccessfully) to be neutral in Luke 23?



Who was Pontius Pilate and why did he get involved with Jesus?  
See John 18:31



What did the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of in v2?

What do you think Pilate is thinking when he asks Jesus is he the king of the Jews?

What does Pilate say three times in this passage (v4, v14, v22)?

Why does Pilate not release Jesus? What is he afraid of?



What is the first way Pilate tries to get out of having to make a decision?

Why is Herod keen to meet Jesus? v8

What do Herod and his soldiers do to Jesus?

What is Pilate's 2<sup>nd</sup> way of trying to release Jesus?



What are we told about Barabbas?

What does the name "Barabbas" mean?



What is Pilate's 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt to release Jesus?

What do Pilate's soldiers do to Jesus?

What does Pilate eventually do with Jesus? See v24



In what way might you be like Pilate?

Why are people often reluctant to have to make a decision about Jesus?

How can you be like Barabbas?

