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Order of Worship 5 March 2023 The Second Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer Sermon Series: Eyewitness Sermon: "Week 2 - Pontius Pilate"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Gossiping the Good Stuff Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What have you heard in the past about Pilate? How has that shaped your impression of his story?
- 2. In what way(s) does the experience of Pilate in this passage resonate with you? Why is it so easy to "villainize" people?
- 3. What is the difference between a Sin of Omission and a Sin of Commission? What are examples of each in your own life?
- 4. Describe a time you or someone you've seen remained neutral, failed to act, or simply avoided doing the wrong thing. What were the circumstances and how did it impact you?
- 5. In your prayer time this week, confess to God the times where you have been frozen or silent. Pray for the freedom in Christ that leaves these experiences in the past. Is there a "Kingdom work" in which God is calling you to take action, right now, when the comfortable thing would be to do nothing? Ask for the wisdom to recognize how to step out with the strength to follow through.

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about following Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.

Eyewitness "Week 2 - Pontius Pilate" Pastor Kris Beckert

Do you have a favorite fictional villain?

I. Today's Eyewitness: _____

- His full name "Marcus Pontius Pilate"—
- He was the Roman _____
- His job was to _____

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-24 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a

notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said. "Let him be crucified!" ²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood: see to it yourselves."

II. A Look at Pilate:

1. His Context: _____

2. His Response: _____

v.24 So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing...

- Sin of Omission—
- Sin of Commission—

III. The Challenge of Pilate's Story: