

THREE GREAT QUESTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

1. Jeremiah 8:6 -- "*I hearkened and heard, but they spoke not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying what have I done? Everyone turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.*"
2. Acts 16:30 -- "*And brought them out, and said, sirs, what must I do to be saved?*"
3. Matthew 27:22 -- "*Pilate said unto them, what shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, let him be crucified.*"
4. Let us study these questions.

I. "**WHAT HAVE I DONE?**" -- *Jeremiah 8:6*

1. Have I sinned?
 - (1) All have sinned -- Rom. 3:23; I John 1:8
 - (2) One living in sin is separated from God -- Isa. 59: 1- 2
 - (3) If one dies in sin he cannot go to heaven -- John 8:21
2. Have I neglected my salvation?
 - (1) Felix did -- Acts 24:25
 - (2) Jer. 8:20 -- "*The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved*".
3. Have I not appreciated God and His blessings?
 - (1) The Gentiles did not -- Rom. 1:21
 - (2) Many do not today.
4. Have I wasted my time on sin and evil? -- Eph. 5: 15 - 16; Rom. 13: 12 - 14
5. Have I acted foolishly by living in sin? -- Tit. 3:3

II. "**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**" -- *Acts 16:30*

1. This question is asked THREE TIMES in the New Testament.
2. It was asked by the Jews on Pentecost -- Acts 2:37
 - (1) Peter answers -- Acts 2:38
3. It was asked next by Saul -- Acts 9: 6
 - (1) Ananias answered the question in Acts 22:16
4. This question was next asked by the Philippian Jailer -- Acts 16: 30
 - (1) He was an unbeliever
 - (2) This answer was given to this unbeliever, but this is not the end of the story -- Acts 16: 31
 - (3) They preached to him so that he might believe -- Acts 16: 32; Rom. 10:17
 - (4) The jailer then repented (washed their stripes) -- Acts 16: 33
5. We have read three different answers to the same question.
 - (1) The Jailer was an unbeliever.
 - (2) People on Pentecost did believe.
 - (3) Saul was a believing, penitent man.
 - (4) They were given different answers to the same question because they were at different places on the road of salvation.

III. WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS WHICH IS CALLED THE CHRIST?

1. This is a personal question.
 - (1) Each is responsible for his own decision and conduct -- 2 Cor. 5:10
 - (2) No man can wash himself of this responsibility, not even Pilate could.
2. Many have answered the question differently:
 - (1) The MOB-- "*Let him be crucified*" --Matt. 27: 22 -23
 - (2) Pilate wanted to be neutral -- Matt. 27:24
 1. No neutrality -- Matt. 12:30
 - (3) The Soldiers answered by mocking and abusing Jesus -- Matt. 27: 27 - 31
 - (4) Peter -- "*I do not know the man*" -- Matt. 26:72
 - (5) Judas answered with a kiss of betrayal -- Matt. 26: 48 -49
 - (6) Felix-- Acts 24: 25
3. The question is OURS TODAY!
 - (1) Today we decide what we shall do with Jesus.
 - (2) As He knows, we decide whether to let Him in or not -- Rev. 3: 20

CONCLUSION

1. Why must I answer these questions right?
 - (1) To be saved from sin.
 - (2) To go to heaven when I die.

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