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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