

# Matthew 27:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

## Analysis

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**What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified** (Σταυρωθήτω)—The Greek imperative staurōthētō (let him be crucified) demands the most shameful, agonizing death Rome inflicted. Crucifixion was so horrific that Roman citizens were exempt; it was for slaves and rebels.

Pilate's question hangs over history: 'What shall I do with Jesus?' Every person must answer. Neutrality is impossible—even Pilate's attempted non-decision became a decision. The crowd's unanimous demand (pantes, all) shows mass complicity in deicide.

## Historical Context

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Crucifixion involved scourging, mockery, carrying the crossbeam (patibulum), public nakedness, nailing or binding to the cross, and slow asphyxiation over hours or days. It was designed for maximum pain and humiliation, deterring rebellion through terror.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does Pilate's question 'What shall I do with Jesus?' confront every person with an unavoidable choice?
2. What does the demand for crucifixion—the most shameful death—reveal about the depth of hatred toward God's holiness?

## Interlinear Text

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λέγουσιν	αὐτῷ	τὸν	Πιλάτος	Τί	οὖν	ποιήσω	Ἰησοῦν
is called	unto him	which	Pilate	What	then	shall I do	with Jesus
G3004	G846	G3588	G4091	G5101	G3767	G4160	G2424

τὸν	λέγουσιν	Χριστόν;	λέγουσιν	αὐτῷ	πάντες
which	is called	Christ	is called	unto him	They all
G3588	G3004	G5547	G3004	G846	G3956

Σταυρωθήτω

Let him be crucified  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 49:7** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

**Acts 13:38** (Parallel theme): Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: